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No. 1

To the Worship[ll]. James Hubbard Esq[r].
Deputy Gov[r]. &c[a]. Council of Fort S[t]. David.

Worship[ll]. Sir and Sirs

This replies to Yours of the 13th. past. The directions from hence for sending up with Your Book's a report of your annual Charges and Revenues is Conformable to our Method here, that is the Increase or decrease in the Charges are remarked to the Close of the Book's with the reasons for the same, the increase and Decrease in the Revenues are also remarked to the same time, but without any reasons; Those are annexed to the other Account of the revenues which is alway's drawn out to the end of Dec[r]. Our Paymaster does also when [he] Passes his Month's Acco[t]. deliver us a particular of all Extraordinary Disbursements over and above the fixed and Standing Expence which is Entered upon our Consultations and that is a Method we Would have practis'd with You and a Copy thereof sent us up hither together with the Copy of the Paymasters Account.

We observe the reasons you give for debting the Several build[gs]. for the Repairs and though we do not find any Such Instance in your Last Books Yet we have no Objection thereto, provided due Care be taken allways before the Close of the Books to write them off to the Head of Fortifications and Repairs.

Neither of the Europe Ships are Yet arrived from Bengall and having this Morning Taken into Consideration their dispatch from the Coast We have resolved to send them both from hence and to Send the George and Madrass Galley to take in What Bales You may have ready. We would have the George returned us first because we shall want her up hither to send to the West Coast before the Month is out. We are

Fort S[t]. George

Jan[ry]. 3[d]. 1736–7.

Hon[ble] Sir & Sirs

Your Aff[te]. Freinds & Serv[ts].

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 2

To Mr. Robt. Reay
Master of the Madrass Galley.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered forthwith to repair on board Your Vessell and Make the best of Your way to Fort St. David where You are to follow such Orders as You shall receive from the Deputy Govr. and Council, Dated in Fort St. George this 4th. day of Janry. 1736-7 And

Signed by Order of the Presidt. & Counl.

John Savage
Secry.

No. 3

To Capn. John Taylor
Master of the Ship George.

Sir

You are hereby ordered forthwith to repair on board Your Ship and make the best of Your way to Fort St. David where You are to follow Such Orders as You shall receive from the Deputy Govr. & Council, Dated in Fort St. George this 5th. Day of Janry. 1736-7 and

Signed by Order of the Prest. & Counl.

John Savage
Secry.

No. 4

To the Honble. John Stackhouse Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The 31st. past we received Your favour of the 28th. Novr. by the George and Yesterday that of the 13th. Decr. by the Ship Grantham with the Several Papers Inclosed agreable to the List of the Packet.

We shall give your Presidency Credit for the Amount of the Invoice of what Laden on the Compton for the Use of the West Coast and also for the Amount of the Ship Georges fitting and Impress in the Bay.

By a Ship now going to Pegue we Shall give directions for building the two Sloops you wrote for and hope they may be ready to Send over to You in Augst. but of that we Shall know more in April and if they can be got ready so Soon Shall send over Persons from hence to Navigate them, but if they Cannot be compleated before December or Janry. next we reckon You will have an Opportunity to send their Crews from the Bay at a Much less Expence. But of this we Shall write You with More certainty in due time.

So soon as we have any advices from China and we know that the Normanton will not Come hither we shall send you such part of the Treasure designed for her as we Can spare, if our advices from China should be Late Your directions may reach us in time, Whether you would have what we send You in Bullion or Rupees.

We are obliged to Your Honr. &ca. that you have sent us so Large a Proportion of Bales and a Quantity of Salt Petre to fill up in case of Need. We cannot Yet say whether we shall have Bales sufficient to Compleat the Tonnage of the ships, but however that be without You can send us 1000 or 1200 Bags in March we shall be prevented in sending a Ship from hence to the Comy. in Sepr. next, that We ought not to Disappoint them of if Possible to be avoided because of several advantages they are

pleased to write us they receive by the Arrival of a ship in time for the March Sale We doubt not you will supply us with as much as You Can spare, and We desire You Will Let us know by the first Conveyance what we are Depend upon.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE

THE 8TH. JANRY. 1736-7.

HONBLE. SIR & SIRS

Your Most HUMBLE Servts.

RICHD. BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANLERSON.

No. 5

TO THE WORSHIPFULL JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.

DEPTY. GOVERNR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHLL. SIR AND SIRS

We have recd. yours of the 5th. & 7th. Inst. and You are hereby permitted to send the Madrass Galley to Trimlewass for a Loading of Paddy and if the Bales are ready before she returns we depend Upon Yr. Care to send them hither by some other Conveyance, the Grantham arrived here the 7th. and this day at Noon Came in the Shaftesbury.

It is the Company's Orders that two Responsible Persons be proposed by Mr. Hubbard or his Freinds in England to be Security for him in the Sum of Four thousand Pounds for the Performance of his Covenants.

The George being Ordered from hence in some hast for fear a southerly Wind should sett in had not time to send on Shoar all the Packs. Stuff she brot. from Bengall, if You are in want of any she has on board you may take it On Shoar.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE

JANRY. 10TH. 1736-7.

WORSHLL. SR. & SRS.

Your Afftе. Freinds & Servts.

RICHD. BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 6

TO MR. JONATHAN SMART
RESIDT. AT SYRIAN IN PEGUE.

SIR

We are desired by the Govr. and Counl. of Calcutta, to give Directions to Pegue for Building two Sloops there on the Honble Company's Accot. They have sent us a Draught of one of them wch. we Send Under the Care of Capn. Lutton and Direct she

be built as near the Directions and Dimensions as Possible, we have no Directions ab^{t}. the other only that she be flatt floored not to draw above seven foot Water and ab^{t}. seventy Tons burthen to go over Ballasore Barr without Danger, we have thought fitt to Order that Henry Stringfellow be employed to build both the Sloops as a person of better understanding in that Way than any of the others who have set up for Builders. Before the Timbers and Plank are bo^{t}. for these Sloops a Survey must be taken of them whether they be good and fitt for the Purpose, after they are squared and cutt out a Survey must be made before they are put to the Vessells and after their Hulls are compleated another survey must be made to see whether they are well and sufficiently performed, and all the several Surveys must be Signed by the Persons at them, and sent over to us, Particular Care must be taken in Caulking the Vessells and if any of the Builders understood the Method practiced in England of Watering them, it Would be a great Means to Prevent such frequent Complaints of the Leakyness of the Vessells built in Pegue. By this Ship Galetea We send over all such stores as are judged Necessary for both the Sloops and Great Care must be taken of them that they receive no Damage, and When they are Wanted an Exact Account must be taken for Which Sloop they are used and Particular and Distinct accounts must be kept of All other Charges and Disbursements on both the Sloops that We may know the Exact Cost of Each of them, Let us know if You have any Persons with You who are Capable to Navigate the Sloops over to Bengall in Augst. next by Which time we suppose they may be both ready to sail, if otherwise we Shall send you a Couple of Masters from hence in the little Monsoon together with as many Lascars as will be sufficient to sail them.

If You should be of opinion that they will not be finished and fitted before December or Jan^{ry}. next the Gentlemen in Bengall will have an opportunity to send You from thence their own Masters and such other Hands as May be necessary at a Much Less Expence than from hence.

When the Sloops are finished You must put on board each such a Quantity of Iron as may be sufficient to Kintlage them, and the rest of their Load^{g}. Consists of Crooked Timbers fitt for sloops of 70 to 80 Tons.

As the Timber & Iron must be purchased with ready Money, and that is also wanted to pay the Workmen we send You on the Galetea Two Chests of Treasure wch. we hope may be sufficient to answer all Occasions, if otherwise You may Draw Bills on us for w^{t}. More may be wanted.

Invoice and Bills of Lading for the Treasure and Stores come Inclosed And

We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE

JAN^{RY}. 15TH. 1736-7.

SIR

Your Assured Freinds

RICH^{D}. BENYON.

RANDALL FOWKE.

AUGUSTUS BURTON.

NICHOLAS MORSE.

FRANCIS ROUS.

WILLIAM MONSON.

GEORGE TORRIANO.

JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 7.

To the Wors^ll^. James Hubbard Esqr.
Dept^y^. Govr. &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^, David.

Worsh^ll^. Sir and Sirs

By Order of the Presid^t^. and Council I here Inclose their Storekeepers Indent for Broad Dungaree twenty Corge wch. they would have you forward immediately by a Chelinga if no redeir Conveyance Offers.

Iam

Fort S^t^. George
January 21st. 1736–7.

Worsh^ll^. S^r^. & S^rs^.
Your Most Hum^ble^. Servt.
Jno. Savage
Sec^ry^.

No. 8.

To M^r^. John Graham
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir .

By Order of the President and Council have here Inclosed Inv^o^. and Bill of Lading for Wares and Stores now sent You on the Nillee Pillee Brigantine. I am

Fort S^t^. George
Jan^ry^. 27th. 1736–7.

Sir
Your Hum̃. Servant
Jno. Savage
Sec^ry^.

No. 9.

To M^r^. Samuel Harrison
at Vizagapatam.

Sir

Yesterday we rec^d^. yours of the 7th. Ins^t^. relating cheifly to the Demand of a Present made by the Nabobs Duan and for the reason you give approve of Your resolution to keep back your Hand as Long as you can. But as we do not think you have force sufficient to Come to any open breach with the Governm^t^. and the Investment will require that all Impediments should soon be removed we cannot add to the Directions Left With you by M^r^. Sanderson, However if You have not Parted with the Present before this reaches You, You may if You can deferr it some time Longer on pretence of expecting an Answer from the Nabob to a Letter which Comes now Inclosed to him from the Presid^t^. (translate of which you have also herewith for your Perusal) and if y^t^. has no Effect as we do not flatter ourselves it will have much in this Case, You must make up Matters as well as you can that Your Investment may not be impeeded any Longer.

We are

Fort S^t^. George
January the 31st. 1736–7.

Sir
Your aff^te^. Freinds
Rich^d^. Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

P.S. As the Inclosed's in the Original of this Letter are Copy's of these you need only send to the Nabob the first Which Comes to hand.

No. 10.

To M^R. Jonathan Smart
Resid^r. at Syrian in Pegue.

Sir

This Accompany's Duplicate of What we Wrote You by the Galetea. Since then we have resolved to Order another small Sloop to be built for the use of the West Coast ab^t. Ten Tons burthen not to Exceed twelve, to have a good Breadth and Draw little Water, She may be built under pretence of a boat for one of the Ships and we Would have her Come over here with the first that Leaves Pegue in Decr. Next We shall send over from hence firr Yards Mast and Bowspritt and What other stores may be Necessary for her in the Great Monsoon.

We are

Fort S^r. George
Feb^ry. 1st. 1736–7.

Sir

Your Assured Freinds
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 11.

To the Honble. Jno. Stackhouse Esqr.
Presid^r. and Govr. &c^a. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir and Sirs

The Ship Decker Cap^n. Edward Williamson Left the Downs the 5th. July, the Cape the 17th. Octr. and arrived at Anjengo the 11th. Jan^ry. from thence the first Ins^t. we received the Inclosed Packett directed to Your Hon^r. &c^t. with Orders from our Honble Masters to hasten it to you with all Expedition, that if Possible it might arrive with You before you Contract for this Years Investment, had it arrived a few hours sooner we shou'd have sent it by the Brigantine William that sailed the first in the Morn^g., we are now obliged to send the Madrass Galley on purpose to Carry it to You & we think there is no fear of her Reach^g. you in time, she did not arrive from Fort S^t. David before the 4th. in the Evening or we should have dispatched her sooner.

Your Hon^r. &c^a. are Doubtless advised by the Comp^y. that the Decker is ordered round this way with a full Loading of Pepper, one half for this place, the other for the Bay to be shot Loose in the homeward bound Ships, The Decker is to return to Bombay with three Hundred Tons of Salt Petre and 84 Tons of Redwood, this Last We are Ordered to get ready here, but we shall omit it as You have wrote us that You have already sufficient on Hand for a Bombay & West Coast Ship.

We wrote Your Hon^r. &c^a. the 8th. past desiring a further supply of Petre for the Kintlage of our next Sepr. Ship, for want of Bales we have been obliged to put 600 Bags of Petre on board the Shaftesbury to Compleat her Tonnage and we have now but 600 Bags left in store so that we shall want at Least 600 more to compleat the Charterparty Quantity for a Ship in Sepr. next the Dispatch of wch. the Comp^y. have again very earnestly press'd. We are besides to Acquaint You the Company design one of the ships from hence to China and back again in time to be dispatch'd home in Jan^ry. next. We ought to have her Petre up here by the August or Sepr. Ships that it may be ready to Shift her in Decem^r.

If the Madrass Galley be fit for Your River you may please to keep her for that use, we do not Mean to put her upon You at the great Price she stands upon our Books but Value her as You think she may be worth, she is of no use to us for the West Coast Service, & therefore desire You not to send her back to Us but to sell her if she can be of no use to You on the Company's Account for in our Service she will never earn her Expences.

We are

FORT S^T. GEORGE

FEBRUARY THE 4TH. 1736–7.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Hum. Servants

RICHARD BENYON.

RANDALL FOWKE.

AUGUSTUS BURTON.

NICHOLAS MORSE.

FRANCIS ROUS.

WILLIAM MONSON.

GEORGE TORRIANO.

JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 12.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL ROB^T. LENNOX ESQ^R.
DEPUTY GOVERN^R. &C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT MARLBROUGH.

WORSH^LL. SIR & SIRS

We have rec^d. Y^r. Letters of the 8th. Decr. 1735 ℘ Madrass Galley and the third of August Last by the George to which we shall now give answer under the Usual heads.

FIRST SHIPPING.

The Dispatch of the Duke of Cumberland for Europe so early after her arrival will be acceptable to our Honble Masters and we perswade ourselves you have used the Same diligence in hastning to them the Duke of Lorrain and Compton the Ships of this Season designed You, the former we suppose arrived with You some time in August or Sepr. and gave You their Orders in Relation to the Compleating their Tonnage for Europe, the Compton was Accordingly dispatch'd from Bengall to you the 28th. Octr. with the necessary Salt Petre for the Kintlage of her and the Duke of Lorrain, but You sent us on the George 60 Tons of Pepper in expectation as we Judge of having but one ship Consigned you, we intimated to the President and Council of Bengall our fears of Your falling short of the full Tonnage for both ships as that Quantity of Pepper was sent away and desired them to put aboard equal thereto in Bale Goods for Europe for which we are advised they have done and therefore we hope you will be able to give both Ships their full Ladings. Should you have dispatched the Duke of Lorrain before the Compton's Arrival there will be a surplus of Petre which You must keep for the next ships as in all probability you will have two sent this next season.

We have wrote to Pegue to build a sloop of ten Tons as You desire wch. shall be sent You in Jan^ry. next. We hope you have Compleated the Sloop that was on the Stocks, and recommend to You to Employ her & the other you have & hire as few Boats as Possible.

Having taken into Consideration the sending the George to Manna wch. we find took up a Long time so that her Wages and Expences were much more Considerable than her Earnings that the Barr is often so bad that no Boats Can go over which

was the Occasion of the George's stay and ill Success, We are led to think that service may be better Perform'd by Small Sloops, who may be Sent thither at the Seasons of the Year when the Bar is favourable for the Passage of the Boats to them and should they be disappointed the Charges dont fall so heavy, we therefore direct that in future You do not send the George thither unless upon any Extraordinary Occasion and You are well assured she will have a Quicker Dispatch.

The Madrass Galley we intend to send to Bengall and Dispose of there and shall hereafter only keep the George for the Service of Your Coast judging there is now no want of two, as You are supply'd with Stores from Europe which made the other necessary before, You must return the George to us as soon as she is unladen and if You have a Quantity of Rice in Your Godowns that You can spare send on board what she can take in Grain being very scarse and dear occasion'd by the failure of Rain in these parts.

SECONDLY GOODS FROM EUROPE OR FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

In consideration that the deficiency in M^r^. Rigg's Paymasters Remain's is very small we have for this time consented to Clear him of it but we must tell You that we Expect the Orders we sent You Last Year for the better regulation of all such Affairs be duely put in Execution, otherwise they who neglect them must take the consequence of which we give you this fair warning and all of You therefore will do well to observè them with attention.

The Compton has carried you such part of Your Indent as is the Manufacture of Bengall with a Large supply of Gunney Bags, the Remainder of the Things that we Could get in time are now sent you.

We would have you as much as Possible discourage the importation of all Peice Goods from Java and the Dutch Settlements on that Coast as those sorts can be made here and in regard to the benefit that will accrue to the Company thereby in their Customs which is 5 ₱ Cent here and two with You we are sensible that Trade is carried on only by Malays and Chinese to the Company's Prejudice & Your own and ought not therefore to be tollerated nor can the Natives be any way's disatisfied when they are furnish'd with the same sorts and on cheaper terms.

THIRDLY INVESTMENT, FOURTHLY COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

On Your representation of what You judged a fair and equitable allowance for the Defeciency of M^r^. Gees Pepper at Moco Moco, we have debted his Estate Doll^rs^. 141. 3. for 10½ Bahar and have paid his Trustees the Ball^nce^. being Doll^rs^. 200. 2 out of the Money for wch. you had given a Certificate and we shall accordingly pass the same to the Account of your Settlement.

We observe there was a Committee of the Board appointed to Examine the Surveys of the Pepper Plantations agreeable to our Orders, and we shall expect they proceed in Examination of them with due care and where you find the Plantations are not well Looked after or that the People have failed in setting a right Number of Vines do you immediately call them before You and oblige them to perform their Agreements.

We are glad to find that the Troubles at Lay are at an end particularly as it is a part of the Country that produces a large Quantity of Pepper and is Yearly improving we think, You did well in preserving the Pangarans authority over those People thô it was at some Expence, however we must Caution You that if any thing of the Like nature should happen again by no means to suffer such Demands to have any weight with You, Lest from your Submitting to them in Order to Calm their differences they be tempted to Create new Troubles for the sole view of obtaining a bounty of the Company when otherwise if they had no such expectation they would remain in peace and Quietness.

As the People at Laye were promised the price of their Pepper should be at ten Doll^rs^. ₱ Bahar when their Country produced 100 ₱ Annum we approve of Your

complying with it and there being now a house at Laye to receive it of them (wch. we are willing to consent to for the reasons given us) we shall be glad to hear that it answers those ends, and that the Natives by this indulgence are encouraged to set heartily to work, and we shall depend on Your promise that the person Resident there does frequently oversee the Plantations in that part of the Country and advise You of the state of it.

The troubles at Cooncoy and Salomah we hope are Long since accommodated, by Your Mediation between the two Party's which is the Method we should alway's preferr rather than to make use of Force but we Cannot suffer so Large a part of the Country to be Neglected meerly for the Thirst of Revenge & Obstinacy of a few People whilst the Plantations are running to ruin to the Great Loss of the Company and we Expect therefore You will or have taken proper measures to restore that Country to Peace.

You have given us no account of w^{t}. Success you are like to have in the Growth of Coffee wch. do not fail to send us on the return of this ship.

The Sugar and Arrack Plantations we observe to have been a Less Charge to the Company than in former Years, yet the Loss is $Doll^{rs}$. 633. 2. 52. You will we suppose have full order from Europe this Year Concerning it, in the mean time we recommend to You to put the Company to as Little Charge as Possible and if you have a Carefull Man there we think the allowance of $Doll^{rs}$. 10 to the Resident of Sillebar as Overseer may be spared, in this we Leave to You to act as You shall judge best.

By every Ship dispatch'd hither send us an $Acco^{t}$. of the Pepper You have in the Godowns and what More You Expect in the Year for the Tonnage of the Ships that may be Consigned You, the Company we Observe by their Letters to us design what Pepper You have shall be sent them directly and will provide accordingly and You must therefore send none hither without their Orders in future should Direct you so to do.

Fifthly Fortifications Buildings Repairs and Revenues.

We send you by this Ship 12 Doors and 20 Windows all made of Teak and designed for the house at Moco Moco which we directed to be made of Brick and we Observe that the $Resid^{t}$. had your Orders to prepare materials for Laying the foundation and had contracted for Chunam, the Dep^{ty}. Govr. in his Letter to Our $Presid^{t}$. acquaints him that he is apprehensive the scituation of Moco Moco is so low and Swampy that a Brick foundation cannot well be Laid the Water rising on digging 2 feet. This has Led us to consider what could be done in this case for to erect $build^{gs}$. of wood would be only wasting the $Comp^{y's}$. money as Experience has shown us in those of Moco Moco wch. Cost them a Considerable Sum and in 15 Years entirely decayed, it has been mentioned to us that Bentall wch. stands High and has now a better barr than Moco Moco would be much the more convenient Place for a Settlement and answer every Purpose as well, and that Brick Buildings there might be made with great facility, this we have now offer'd to the Consideration of our Hon̄ble Masters and we would have you therefore on receipt of this put a stop to all designs of building at Moco Moco and give us Your opinion at Large of the two Places wch. you think may be most advantageous for the Company, as the whole Pile of Building is so farr decayed at Moco Moco that it must be entirely rebuilt the Loss cannot be much in removing and if only Wooden Buildings can be set up there they will in the term of a few Years be under a necessity of Laying out a Large Sum, besides the Constant Charge of keeping them in repair, whereas when once the Brick Buildings at Bentall are finished they will Last many Years and save them a large Sum, it has also the advantage of a better Air and is more healthy for the People and nearer the center of the Country, the Sultan may perhaps chuse that the Company should continue a Residency at Moco Moco as he Lives there himself and has his People ab^{t}. him but We think he might easily be prevailed on to go to Bentall if there should be a necessity for his Dwelling in the same Place where the Company have a Factory

Since you represent a want of a storehouse we give you Leave to erect a brick one. Let care be taken that it be made substantial & of Good Materials.

And having also taken into Consideration what You mention Concerning a Godown at Manna Which part of the Country we now observe produces a Large Quantity of Pepper we also permit you to build one in Manner you propose that is a brick Foundation and Boards, in case you cannot with convenience make the Walls of Brick & we would also have two rooms built for Lodgings for the Companys Serv^{ts}. and People who are sent to weigh of the Company's Pepper and Ship it for Marlbrô and as this often takes them up some time it is highly necessary they should have some Proper Place to Live in during their stay their, the want of wch. might occasion that Place to be fatal to many of their serv^{ts}.

Having observed a Grant of several Leases to persons for Ground some whereof are near the Fort we think fitt to Caution you not to give Leases for any Ground ab^{t}. the Fort or in the Valley for the future as the Company may hereafter have occasion for the Ground to erect such buildings as may be necessary for their business though at Present there may not appear a want off any, wch. may prevent the Obliging People to remove wch. is alway's done wth. uneasiness to the Party's after Grants have been Obtained.

SIXTHLY COMPANY'S SERVANTS MILITARY AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

In Your Consultation of the 20th. Sepr. 1735 it was agreed (M^{r}. Rigg excepted) to allow M^{r}. Jos^{p}. Hurlock 9 Months of his Writership, and to Let him commence Factor, as this affair is referred to the Company, we shall say no more here than only to tell you that such proceedings are irregular and Possitively against the Company's stand^{g}. Orders, & must not be repeated it being what they are pleased always to reserve to themselves.

And here we must take notice of an Extraordinary Petition of M^{r}. David Pugh for an advance of Pay and an Allowance on what he had Just before, contracted with the Company for, this we Can by no means allow & do order it to be discontinued from the Receipt of this Letter, the Sallary & allowance he engaged with the Company for are equal to what many of their Covenanted Servants have and we see no reason to gratify him in an allowance Superiour to them.

There being several Servants sent you from Europe we would have all the Monthly Writers discharged except the two Young men that were sent from hence some years ago, we would have one of the Company's servants sent to Moco Moco to assist M^{r}. Savage.

We have given leave to Padre Joam Ugoanny to take his Passage on this ship for y^{r}. Settlement.

Inclosed we send a Commission appoint^{g}. Robt. Lennox Esqr. Dep^{ty}. Govr. & the Council as they are there mentioned and having given this mark of our confidence in him we perswade ourselves from his Knowledge and Experience on the Coast that he will very much improve it for the Company's benefit, by encreasing the Number of Plantations and encourageing the Natives to set heartily ab^{t}. them, that they be fairly and Justly p^{d}. in Money for their Pepper ; and no one suffered to injure them in any manner and preserving of Peace in the Country and keeping the expence within due Bounds all wch. will render his Service very acceptable to our Honble Masters.

SEVENTHLY ACCOUNTS.

We observe that You have at Len[g]th adjusted the head of Adventure to Lay in your Books and that Daniel Coles is found to be Chargeable with Doll^{rs}. 234. 2. 50, which You must take care to receive of him, if he has not already Paid the same, had not M^{r}. Savage Cleared up the Affair it appears that the Loss would have fallen upon the Company for want of a Proper Care to Settle those Acco^{ts}. in time and we hope t[o] see no Instances of the like neglect in Future.

The Freight of the Madrass Galley amount^{g}. to Doll^{rs}. 289. 2. 48 is carried by Mistake to the Credit of Charges Merchandize instead of Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. Fort S^{t}. George which you must rectifie and adjust the several Articles of the Accounts which are now

sent You by our Account^{t}. that Your books may agree with ours. Send us by every Ship Y^{r}. Cash Acco^{t}. to the time of her departure, this was an omission by the Madrass Galley. We have paid the amount of the several Certificates Drawn on us.

We send on this ship Five persons who have been Guilty of Crimes here and are to remain on Y^{r}. Coast Seven Years, there Names are, Assaram, Vellan, Corrapan, Vellataunan, Permanaundah.

Inclosed are Invoice and Bills of Lad^{g}. for what sent on this ship amount^{g}. to Pag^{s}. 2886. 34. 40 as also the Register of Licensed Goods.

We send inclosed in the Packet Copy of the Invoice of w^{t}. the Gentlemen in Bengall send You on the Compton, it am^{ts}. to Curr^{t}. Rup^{s}. 4569. 12, we are debted for it in Fort W^{m}. Books and You must give us Credit for the same reducing the rupees at 350 Rupees ℔ 100 Pag^{s}. and 15 D^{lls}. ℔ 10 Pag^{s}. the Redwood Salt Petre and the rest of the Bale Goods we suppose the Gentlemen in Bengall have Debted Account Curr^{t}. London for as they have not sent us any Acco^{t}. Thereof.

We wish this ship safe to You And are

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
FEB^{RY}. 7TH. 1736–7.

Your Aff^{te}. freinds & Servants
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

MANIFEST OF GOODS LICENSED TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE GEORGE CAPTAIN JOHN TAYLOR FOR BENCOOLEN FOR THE UNDERMENTIONED PERSONS.

BY ROB^{T}. DOUGLAS FOR W^{M}. RIGG.

	Bales & chests.		Corge	P^{s}.				
LCOW N°. 1 a 5	5	Long Cloth Ord^{ry}. White ..	7	—	[Pag^{s}.] 231	—	—	
S O W N°. 6 a 7	2	Salampores	7	—	112	—	—	
L C B N°. 8 a 11	4	Long Cloth blue	14	—	308	—	—	
S B N°. 12 a 14	3	Salampores blue	10	—	190	—	—	
15	1	Succatoons Blue	1	—	16	18	—	
		Moorees Blue	1	—	28	18	—	
		Buggueze Cambay's ..	1	—	15	—	—	
		Phota Handkercheifs ..	1	—	10	—	—	
		White D^{o}.	1	—	30	—	—	
16	1	Cambay's Metchlepatam ..	2	—	37	—	—	
		Handk^{s}. D^{o}.	2	—	22	18	—	
		Red Betteelas	1	—	19	18	—	
		Ginghams Ord^{ry}.	1	—	7	18	—	
		D^{o}. Midling ..	1	—	9	18	—	
17	1	Syrashes Large	2	—	50	—	—	
		D^{o}. Small	3	—	18	—	—	
		Fort S^{t}. David Tappies ..	3	—	15	—	—	
C^{s} N°. 18	1	Burroon Cossaes	3	—	60	—	—	
		Malda Cossaes	1	—	35	—	—	
19	1	Chest of Necessarys ..			..			
								1215 —

By Thomas Saunders for Mr. Haag.

	Bales & chests.		Corge	Ps.		
F H	1	Handks. Coarse	4	—	[Pags.] 68 — —	
		Red Cloth	4	—	60 — —	
		Ginghams	4	—	48 — —	
		Cambay's small	10	—	80 — —	
		Metchlepatam Handks. ..	3	—	36 — —	
						292 — —

By Thomas Saunders for Joseph Hurlock.

J H	5	Large Buggueze Cambays.	5	10	120 — —	
		Large Do. ..	3	—	75 — —	
		Coarse Chints	—	10	15 — —	
		Syrashes of Sorts	5	10	50 — —	
		Coarse handks.	1	—	20 — —	
		Do. Blue Moorees	1	—	20 — —	
		Malda Cossaes	—	16	32 — —	
		Succatoons. .half Peices ..	2	—	42 — —	
		Coarse Ginghams ..	10	—	90 — —	
		Blue Do.	1	—	12 — —	
		Fort St. David Tappies ..	5	—	20 — —	
						496 — —

By Mr. Morse for Robt. Lennox Esqr.

R L	53	Gurrahs	8	—	Ps.500 — — (for these four)	
		Taffaties	1	—		
		Malda Cossaes	5	—		
		Burroon Do.	10	—		
		Moorees	5	8	150 — —	
		Cambay's	27	—	420 — —	
		Syrashes	9	10	105 — —	
		Handks.	11	8	225 — —	
		Palampores	8	17	295 — —	
		Tappies	65	—	205 — —	
		Succatoons	4	—	90 — —	
		Chints	—	14	25 — —	
		Long Cloth White ..	30	—	980 — —	
		Do. Blue ..	28	—	570 — —	
		Salampores blue	35	—	555 — —	
						4120 — —

By Mr. Morse for Wm. Coles.

W C	11	Ginghams	4	—	60 — —	
		Long Cloth Blue	8	—	165 — —	
		Salampores blue	8	—	150 — —	
		Do. White ..	4	—	60 — —	
		Tappies	95	—	255 — —	
		Cambay's	4	—	40 — —	
		Syrashes	30	16	225 — —	
		Palampores	1	10	50 — —	
		Taffities	—	10	15 — —	
		Betteelas	3	10	65 — —	
		Succatoons	3	—	65 — —	
						1150 — —

By Do. for John Savage.

J S	10	Long Cloth blue	8	—	165 — —	
		Salampores blue	8	—	150 — —	
		Do. White ..	4	—	60 — —	
		Succatoons	2	—	45 — —	
		Betteelas	5	—	50 — —	
		Burroon Cossaes	13	—	270 — —	
		Syrashes	11	19	70 — —	
		Cambay's	5	6	105 — —	
		Chints	—	10	15 — —	
		Ginghams	1	—	20 — —	
		Handks.	4	18	50 — —	
						1000 — —

By D°. for Frederick Haag.

	Bales & chests.		Corge	Ps.		
F H	10	Long Cloth Blue	8	—	[Pags.] 165 — —	
		Salampores blue	4	—	75 — —	
		Long Cloth White ..	1	10	50 — —	
		Salampores White ..	4	—	60 — —	
		Cambay's	6	14	85 — —	
		Syrashes	20	16	150 — —	
		Moorees	—	10	30 — —	
		Chints	1	10	40 — —	
		Handks.	3	13	55 — —	
		Taffaties	1	—	35 — —	
		Succatoons	3	—	65 — —	
		Tappies	40	—	155 — —	
		Betteelas	—	10	15 — —	
		Malda Cossaes	1	—	45 — —	
						1025 — —

By Mr. Morse for Chas. Barbut.

C B	7	Cambay's	5	8	145 — —	
		Handks.	3	8	85 — —	
		Long Cloth blue	8	—	165 — —	
		Salampores D°.	8	—	150 — —	
		D°. White	4	—	60 — —	
						605 — —

By Ditto for Samll. Greenslate.

S G	5	Long Cloth Blue	16	—	330 — —	
		Syrashes	9	16	70 — —	
		Cambay's	2	—	20 — —	
		Succatoons	2	—	45 — —	
						465 — —

By Ditto for John Innes.

J I	8	Long Cloth Blue	12	—	240 — —	
		Salampores Blue	8	—	150 — —	
		Long Cloth White ..	1	10	50 — —	
		Salampores D°.	4	—	60 — —	
		Syrashes	9	6	70 — —	
		Succatoons blue	2	—	45 — —	
						615 — —

By Capn. Taylor for himself and Officers.

T	28	Long Cloth White ..	9	—	288 — —	
		Salampores White ..	12	—	168 — —	
		Long Cloth Blue	16	—	640 — —	
		Salampores blue	24	—	480 — —	
		Ordry. Ginghams	6	—	52 — —	
		Fine D°.	2	—	32 — —	
		Ordry. Chints	2	—	32 — —	
		Succatoons	4	—	80 — —	
		Blue Cambay's	4	—	32 — —	
		Handks.	4	—	57 — —	
		D°. Fine	2	—	60 — —	
		Coarse Moorees	1	—	22 — —	
		Long Cloth Midling ..	—	10	25 — —	
		Soosies	—	10	15 — —	
		Childrens Syrashes small ..	1	—	8 — —	
		Painted Ginghams ..	2	—	24 — —	
						2015 — —

BY M^R^. JOHNSON FOR CAPTAIN WILLIAMS.

	Bales & chests.		Corge	Ps.	
J W	6	Long Cloth Blue	8	—	.. [Pag^s^.] 412 — —
		Flower'd Ginghams ..	—	6	
		Shoes 24 P^r^. Slippers 24 P^r^.			
	1	Chest of Madeira Wine 12 Dozen			.. ..
	1	Hogshead of Goa Arrack			.. ..
	1	Parcel q^t^. 20 Shirts ..			.. ..
	1	Bundle of Country Soap ..			.. ..
	167	Bales and Parcels amounting to			.. Pag^s^. 13410 — —

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
FEB^R^Y. 7TH. 736–7.

JN^O^. SAVAGE,
Sec^ty^.

RICHARD BENYON ESQ^R^. PRESIDENT OF AND FOR ALL THE AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL & ORIXA IN THE CHINGEE & MORATTA COUNTRY'S AND ON THE WEST COAST OF SUMATRA COMMANDER IN CHEIF OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE & CITY OF MADRASSPATNAM, FORT S^T^. DAVID & IT'S DEPENDANCES, FORT MARLBROUGH & THE TERRITORIES THEREUNTO BELONGING AND OF ALL THE FORCES WHICH NOW ARE OR HEREAFTER MAY OR SHALL BE EMPLOYED FOR THE SERVICE OF THE SAID UNITED COMPANY IN THE SAID FORTS, TOWNS & PLACES &C^A^. COUNCIL. TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETING.

L S. KNOW YE, THAT by Virtue of the full Powers and Authority reposed in us by the Court of Directors for Affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies to rule and Govern all their Factories & Servants both civil & military as well as other Inhabitants under this Presidency according to such Instructions and Directions as we have received from them, We for divers good reasons and Causes as hereunto moving do hereby Constitute appoint and ordain ROBERT LENNOX ESQ^R^. to be Dep^ty^. Governour of and for all the Affairs of the said United Company on the West Coast of Sumatra and also to be commander in Cheif of Fort Marlbrough and the Places and Territories thereunto belonging and of all the Forces wch. now are or hereafter shall or may be employed for the Service of the said United Company on the said West Coast and to exercise all and every the Powers and Authorities thereunto belonging according to such Orders and Instructions as he shall receive from the Court of Directors for Affairs of the said United Company or from the President and Council of this Place for the time being and to continue in the Exercise of the same untill the Contrary thereof shall be signified under the hands of the Court of Directors of the said United Company or under the Hands of the President and Council of this Place for the time being and to the end the said Robert Lennox may be better enabled to govern and manage all the said Company's affairs on the said West Coast, We do by these presents constitute and ordain M^r^. John Savage to be second of Council at Fort Marlbrough, M^r^. Samuel Greenslate to be third M^r^. William Rigg to be fourth M^r^. Benjamin Hawkes to be fifth M^r^. Rich^d^. Jordan to be Sixth M^r^. Charles Barbut to be Seventh of Council at Fort Marlbrough for Governing and managing all Affairs of the said United Company on the West Coast of Sumatra and we do hereby require and Command all manner of Persons Merch^ts^. Factors and Writers Military Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the said United Company, and also all Inhabitants and others on the said West Coast to submit conform and Yeild due obedience unto the said Robert Lennox and his

Council accordingly. In Witness whereof we have set our Hands and Caused the Company's Great Seal to be Affixed to these Presents in Fort S[t]. George this Seventh day of February in the Year of our Lord one thous[d]. Seven hund[d]. and thirty Six.

Jn°. Savage
Secry.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 13

To Captain John Taylor
Master of Ship George.

Sir

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board your ship and make the best of Your Way to Fort Marlbrough on the West Coast of Sumatra, on Y[r]. Arrival there you are to deliver what Goods you have on board and the Packet you receive herewith to the Dep[ty]. Gov[r]. & Council to whom Your Ship goes Consign'd and whose Orders you are to follow for your future Proceedings Dated in Fort S[t]. George this Seventh Day of February 1736–7.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 14

To the Hon̄ble Jn°. Stackhouse Esq[r].
President and Gov[r]. &c[a]. Council of Fort William.

Hon̄ble Sir and Sirs

The foregoing was designed you by the Madrass Gally but the Winds having been Northerly for these three day's past bro[t]. in Yesterday Morning the sloop Grace Christopher Nicolson Master who having often been the Passage between this place and Bengall and being also a Pilot in the River we have thought it a better Conveyance to send the Company's Packett by him and more Likely to be soonest with You, for the same Reason we have resolved to send upon this sloop twelve Chests of Bullion which You write for in Your Letter 1st. Jan[ry]. the season of the year being so fair and easy as makes it safe for any Vessell that is Light, and we know not that soon there will offer any better Conveyance. We have sent the Madrass Gally again to Fort S[t]. David to bring up a few more bales to Compleat the Shaftesbury's Lading and we continue our intentions, to send her to Y[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. in September for the reason mentioned in our Last: The Grantham we dispatch'd for England the 29th. Last Month and we hope to send away the Shaftesbury in a Week or 10 Day's at farthest. And by her we shall send your Packett that came wth. Your Letter 31st. December.

Yesterday also came in the Jane Rob[t]. Milne Master by whom we rec[d]. y[r]. Letter of the 12 Jan[ry]. we have not heard that M[r]. Barker is or has been in these Parts and the Master of the Jane tells us before he Left Bengall it was certainly known that M[r]. Barker was gone from thence on a french Ship.

We have received the 500 Bags of Petre by the Grace and Y[r]. Hon[r]. &c[a]. gives us great satisfaction in acquainting us we may expect a further supply.

We have reason to expect the Europe ships will arrive here early this Year, we shall send the first to You that is designed for Yr. Presidency as soon as Possible without keeping her to Coin her Treasure but shall Coin so much of what Comes on the other ships as may amount to half the Quantity of the Whole as you have Desired. Inve. and Bill of Lading for the Treasure on this Vessel are inclosed and

We are

HONBLE. SIR AND SIRS

FORT ST. GEORGE 8 FEBRY. 1737.

Your Most Humble Servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

P.S.—When Mr. Nicolson the Master of this Vessel Came to sign the Bill of Lading for the Treasure he Doubted whether he Could sign them free of Freight, wee have therefore Left that in blank to be Settled by Yr. Honr. &ca. supposing the owners of the Vessell will hardly insist upon that from the Company which is not paid by any Englishman upon an English Vessel.

We have received no more out of this Vessell than four hundred and Ninety Eight Bags of Petre, the other two are endorsed off the Bill of Lading.

No. 15

TO THE WORSLL. ROBT. LENNOX ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT MARLBROUGH.

WORSLL. SIR & SIRS

The George was dispatched to you the 6th. Inst. Copy of our Letter by her we now send you by this ship Jane, who is bound on a trading Voyage to the Coast of Sumatra and as she may probably Call at Yr. Port before her return the owners have apply'd to us for Leave to Offer to the Compy's. Servants such part of her Cargoe as they may be inclin'd to purchase wch. we have granted them the Liberty of and you are to demand of the Commander of the ship 2 ℘ Ct. Customs on all that shall be Landed at Yr. Place entering the same on Yr. Sea Customers Register for our Notice. We are

FORT ST. GEORGE

WORSLL. SIR AND SIRS

FEBRY. 12TH. 1736[37].

Yr. Affectionate Fds. & Servts.

RICHARD BENYON
&CA. AS BEFORE.

[No.] 16

To Mr. Samuel Harrison
at Vizagapatam.

Sir

This Incloses invoice and Bill of Ladg. for 5 Chests Containing forty thousand Rupees wch. we have sent on the Madrass Galley to forward Yr. Investment, so soon as the Treasure is Landed the Master has Orders to proceed directly to the Bay, therefore we Would not have you detain her.

We are

Sir

Fort St. George
Febry. 18th. 1737.

Yr. Assured Freinds
Richd. Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 17

To Captain Shilson Tonkin
Master of the Madrass Galley.

Sir

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board Yr. Vessel and make the best of Your way to Vizm. where you are to make no Longer stay than to deliver the five Chests of Treasure now Laden on You and the Accompanying Letter to Mr. Samuel Harrison, you must then proceed to Bengall where you are to deliver the other Packett you receive herewith to the Prest. and Council of Fort William whose orders are to direct your future Proceedings, Dated in Fort St. George this 18th. day of February 1736–7.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
Jno. Sanderson.

No. 18

To the Honble John Stackhouse Esqr.
Presidt. and Govr. &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Herewith you have duplicates of what we wrote You the 7th. & 8th. Inst., The 15th. we recd. yours of the 17th. Janry. by the Brigantine Wm. with one thousand three hundred thirty three Bags of Salt Petre, being obliged if Possible to Load a Ship from hence in Sepr. next and to procure another loading for the China Ship to be dispatch'd from hence in January we are in doubt whether we shall be able to fill up any other ship from the Bay and therefore we are to desire You will find some means to supply us with Salt Petre to Kintlage the China Ship on her return from thence.

This wait's on you by the Madrass Galley, the Master has orders to call in at Vizagapatam to putt some money ashoar there and then to proceed to Calcutta. When the Vessell arrives wth. you, y^r^. hon^r^. &c^t^. will please to regard what we have wrote in our two Last Letters.

In the Invoice of Brown Jugdea Bafta's ℔ Grantham 500 P^s^. are Charged at Rup^s^. 42. 10 ℔ Corge 1115. 10, if the Last sum is right it should be 44. 10 and we shall enter it so in our accounts if Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^a^. do not advise us to the contrary. Superfine Ballasore Sannoes C 39 P^s^. at 7 ℔ P^s^. is Cast up 373 Rupees, we suppose this is only a mistake in the Copy and therefore have Charg'd them in the Invoice home at no more than Rups. 273.

The Shaftesbury was dispatch'd the 16th. and sailed out of our Road Yesterday Morning.

Inclosed is a List of Stores belonging to the Galley and We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
FEBRY. 18TH. 1736-7.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

P.S.—The Master of the Grace Sloop desired the Bouy's and Ropes might remain with the 12 Chests of Treasure, We have therefore Charged Yr. Presidency six Pags. for Them.

No. 19

TO THE WORSLL. JAS. HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPTY. GOVERN. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSLL. SIR & SIRS

This serves only to Cover Invoice and Bill of Lading for Stores sent you on the Mary Brigne. that Sailed this Morning. We are

WORSLL. SIR & SIRS
Yr. Affte. Freinds & Servts.
RICHARD BENYON
&CA. ABOVE.

FORT ST. GEORGE
FEBRY. 18TH. 1736-7.

No. 20

TO THE WORSLL. JAS. HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHLL. SR. & SIRS

We received Yrs. of the 24th. past in due time and we shall now reply to that as well as such other Parts of your Letters Lately recd. wch. require any notice.

In Yr. Letter of the 17th. Janry. you desire us to fill up the Vacancy in Your Council and to supply you with another writing assistant, the first we would have supplied with Mr. Floyer and Mr. Mitchel will be with you in a few days to be station'd where you think he may be most Serviceable.

We observe what You say in Yr. Letter of the 21st. Janry. relating to the Difficulty's your Merchants Complained of in the Investment but we Can't help remarking that many of them might have been avoided, or at least not so sensibly felt if they had done their duty and not deferr'd bringing in the Cloth 'till towards the latter end of the Year. Neither Fanams Cotten or Grain were so dear in the beginning of the Year as they have been since. The price of the first may be somewhat effected by the badness of the Currt. Pags. but not so much from that reason as is pretended as we do not Compute they are above 2½ to 3 ℘ Cent at most worse than they were the Year before.

Your Merchts. had but last Year an Extraordinary allowance for the Washing the Cloth they have full as much as ours have, and we think they will not pretend that Paddy is dearer with you than it is here but however that be the Loss upon that Accot. is owing to their own Indolence and carelessness first in not bringing in the Cloth before when Paddy was Cheaper and then when it was cheap that they would not advance so small a sum as would have been sufficient to lay in the Quantity wanted for Conjeeing the Cloth, had they also been provident and Lain in a further Quantity for the Washers probably they would have had no occasion to Complain that the Money they advanced the Washers will be a dead Loss to them. However we are glad to observe you are of opinion the Merchts. do certainly exaggerate their Losses more than the Truth, & thô we should allow that they have been sufferers in the prices of the Goods brot. in on their Last Contracts yet we have great reason to Complain of their Conduct in deceivg. us with promises of a Larger Number of Bales than ever they intended to Comply with wch. fixed a necessity upon us to send Forty Tons of Petre on whole Freight by the Shaftesbury, Besides the Cloth by the Galley was very faulty and under different Circumstances, we should have thought ourselves obliged to reject great part of it and wch. since we have Passed it has occasion'd great uneasiness at Least Complaints from our own Merchts. who think it hard that we should be so strict in the sorting here, when we so easily pass such Cloth from the Fort St. David Merchants. The Bales you sent us on the George we travers'd on board the Grantham, not Having time to bring them on shoar and open them. We shall give you our opinion of those by the Galleys Last trip in our next but whatever our remarks may be on them, together with what else we have said in this Letter is designed Cheifly for yr. own observation and Government leaving it to You to discourse Your Merchants in such a manner as You think best but we Expect You will ask them in plain Terms how long we are to stay before they Compleat their last Contracts and whether we are to depend upon their engaging for a further Quantity and upon what Terms and also whether we may depend upon any better performances of their Promises than Last Year.

We are surprised you should meet with so much Difficulty in procuring the Sallampores considering the great price you give for them and Considering also that the best we have seen here is a very ill wrought Cloth, nineteen Pags. is the price of Yr. Number one and we observe by the sales at home it does not sell better than ours that Costs but sixteen and seven eighths, we shall say no more now least we should Check the hopes You have of Encreasing the Quantity which this Year at least we Choose to avoid for several Reasons.

We observe the Madrass Galley brot. you Sixteen Garse of Paddy from Trimlewass and You must Give us Credit for the Customary freight, you should also have advised the Quantity you had Laid in or design'd to buy for the Company's use Account and at what Rate.

We Cannot consent to Mr. Floyers Renting of the Arrack Farm it being against the Compy's. Orders Establish't for very good reasons, if You cannot get some other Person to take it you must still keep it on the Compy's. Account.

We have no objection to Yr. Coining such a number of fanams as may be sufficient for the Circulation in Yr. Buzars but you should take care you do not draw an Inconvenience upon Yr. selves or the Poor by Coining so many as may Occasion any Complaint on the other side.

We are

Fort St. George
March 7th. 1736–7.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs
Yr. Affte. Freinds and Servants
Richard Benyon &ca.

P.S.—You may permitt Mr.
Foxall to Come up agreable to
his Request.

No. 21

To Mr. Samuel Harrison
at Vizagapatam.

Sir

The 11th. Instant we received a Letter from You without date advising You had accommodated Yr. Troubles with the Country Government by giving the Present to the Duan which he insisted on, and approve of Yr. Conduct in this Affair for the Reasons given in yr. Letter the Rather also because we Observe since the Roads have been open Yr. Merchts. have brot. in a Considerable Quantity of Cloth.

We have resolv'd to resettle the Factory at Maddapollam and appointed Mr. Joseph Goddard Residt. there. He will write to Vizm. for what Money he Can Invest at Maddapollam and he must be supplied accordingly and You must send Mr. Andrew's thither as a Writing Assistant.

The last Ingeram Accot. that we have received from Vizm. is for the Month of Sepr. Last, we suppose Mr. Graham sends his Accots. to you Monthly and after You have Examined them You must alway's send them up to us.

The Stores you have Indented for shall be sent you by the first Sea Conveyance that Offers.

We are

Fort St. George
March 21st. 1736–7.

Sir
Your Assured Freinds
Richd. Benyon &ca.

No. 22

To the Worsll. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipfull Sr. and Srs.

We have received yours of the 12th. Inst. whereby we Observe Yr. Merchts. are obstinate not to Contract again for the Compy. except upon terms that as yet We cannot think of giving our Consent to. It is a great sum of Money the Company are at the Expence of every Year to Maintain yr. Settlement that we beleive they will never be easy under if the Investmt. fails as in that Case it will be of no use to them and but a dead Charge. We must therefore press it upon you to exert Yr. selves at this time and thô the Troubles in the Country togather with the scarcity and Dearness of Grain and Cotten and other Accidents may occasion Cloth to be Dearer than Last Year and not to be got in any Quantity without some difficulty and Risque yet we are Confident that with money some may be got and do therefore very earnestly recommend it to You that You think of some means to procure such a Quantity as may Compensate for the Charge of the Settlement and at the same time Convince Yr. Last Contract Merchts. that how great soever our necessity's are at present they are not of such Consequence to us that we must either submit to their Terms or have no Cloth.

We wrote you in our last that the Cloth by the Galleys first Trip was very faulty, we have since mett in the Warehouse to view that by her Last trip but are sorry to say we find it much worse than that by the first, and if we beleive what Yr. Sorters say we must suppose there was some want of Care in the Packing and that the Coneycoplys have been to much Trusted, we Cannot otherwise Accot. for the Condition off this Last Parcells wch. is so exceedingly mixed in the Bales good and bad together that if we had not found notes in the Bales we shou'd have doubted whether it had been sorted at all. That by the Galley's first trip had too much of the same fault but you were told in our Last why we were obliged to take that, we should have no Excuse if we pass'd this Parcel without a resorting and thô we had rather return it that both you & the Merchts. together might be Convinced we do not find fault wth. out reason, yet if they rather choose to have it resorted here they must send up their Gomastas to be by.

The Sallampores by the Galley's Last trip have not given us any better opinion of that Cloth than we had upon the view of that by her first trip, but before we say any more of it we would have you send us by the Tappies the Musters by which it has been sorted.

We are

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Yr. Affectionate Freinds & Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
MARCH 21ST. 1737.

RICHD. BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.
JOHN SANDERSON.

No. 23

TO MR. JOSEPH GODDARD.

SIR

The President having received several Letters from Neasbeg Phousdar of Maddapollam desiring we would resettle the Factory there and promising his assistance in our Business and also that we should meet with better usage than formerly we have at Length resolved to Comply with his request and to appoint you Resident there, we would have you repair thither as soon as conveniently you can and Mr. Graham has orders to supply you with all that may be necessary upon Yr. first going. Some Little Present to the Phousdar may be proper upon Your first arrival there but to frequently repeated will make the Investment come out very dear and is what was cheifly meant in the Presidents Letter to the Phousdar when he tells him the Great Charges we were at there when Mr. Graham was resident was one of the Principal causes of our withdrawing that Settlement, we hope he will be more Moderate in his Expectations of that sort for the future. For the other Charges and Allowances at Maddapollam they must be upon the same footing as when Mr. Graham was there. We shall order Mr. Andrews from Vizagapatam to Assist in your Writing Work and measuring the Cloth.

Long Cloth and Salampores Ordinary are the only sortments of Goods we shall want from Maddapollam and you will soon know after Yr. Arrival there what proportion of each you may be able to procure in those Parts and in what time. You will be cautious of Trusting too much Money abroad at first before you know the People, but that we must leave to Your Prudence and the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam will have Orders to supply you with money as you may want it. We recommend to You an even sortment and that the Cloth be well cured but as this Last may be difficult at first we would not have it be any Check upon your Investment for if the Cloth be good we should be glad of any Quantity though it be brown. As you have been so Long in the Cloth Country's to the Northward we think it needless to give you any further directions for Yr. Conduct in those Parts but as a considerable Investmt. of

Good Cloth will be very exceptable [*sic*] to the Company we doubt not you will exert Yr. self to Effect it which will recommend You to their further favour and the good offices of.

Sir

Your Assured Freinds
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

Fort St. George
23D. March 1737.

P.S.—Inclosed you have a letter to Neasbeg Phousdar of Maddapollam and the Translate is at the end of a little Book that contain's copy's of all the letters which have Passed between him and the President relating to settling at Maddapollam which we Inclose in this Packett for Yr. Observation.

No. 24

To Mr. John Graham
Residt. at Ingeram.

Sir

Our last to you was the 6th. Decr. since which we have received Yr. Severals of the 28th. of that Month 3d. Janry. 28th. Febry. With Yrs. of the 28th. Decr. we received the Bales by the Nelly Pilly Brigantine which were open'd and examined here; and our Remarks thereon were as follows, most of it was but ill Cured which is a great fault and must be owing to great Carelessness for some of it was as white and well washed as any we do here.

The Long Cloth's Ordry. were pretty equal to the Numbers except the Number 3 wch. was more mixed some of it being a thick Gouty Thread and some of it a smaller Threaded Cloth thin and not well wrought.

The No. 1 B was an Exceeding good Cloth Considering the price but there was only One Bale of it.

The two Bales invoiced Long Cloth Fine were too dear at fifty five Pagodas ℔ Corge, they were Certainly not worth more than fifty and at that price we have given you Credit for them.

The Sallampores both Ingeram & Maddapollam were wretched stuff and so ill sorted that we were obliged to do that work over again here.

These are the Remarks we made upon Yr. Last Years Investment and having in our Letter of the 5th. Decr. Last told you that You should know our resolution upon Yr. Merchants Petition after we had seen your Bales and the Quality thereof we are now to add that we do not think it reasonable they should be allowed the extraordinary one Pagoda ℔ Corge on the Long Cloths provided Last Year as those could not be effected by the Price of Cotten Thread and Grain which were very reasonable then and did not rise till Decr. Last, we are very sensible all three have risen considerably since & for that reason do Permitt you to make your Merchants that allowance upon the Long Cloths this year but upon condition also they encrease the Quantity and endeavour to improve the Fabrick, For as the Batty on Madss. Pagodas is risen to six & eight ℔ Cent wch. added to the additional Allowance will make your Cloth at the best come out now very dear.

In Yr. Letter of the 28th. past we received a List for Broad Cloth, Perpets and Velvets which shall be sent you when any Conveyance offers, you tell us what was sent before was sold but that is to Concise, you should have told us also at what Rate that we might judge whether the price was considerable enough to run the Risque of sending it from hence.

It is of Consequence to us at present to be informed of the state of the Country Government in Yr. Parts, and therefore you must not give us any further Occasion to Complain of the Neglect of our Orders to you the 19th. August last.

The Phousdar of Maddapollam having sent us many Invitations to resettle the Factory there we have appointed Mr. Joseph Goddard to go and reside there and to endeavour to make an Investment in those Parts, we would have you deliver him the Inclosed Packett and as he is directed to proceed to Maddapollam as soon as he Conveniently Can we would have you supply him out of yr. Wares & Stores with such things as are necessary to be carried with him and the Musters of the Maddapollam Cloths, we have directed the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam to supply him with what Money may be wanted to carry on his Investment. We suppose he will not Carry much with him till he has Look'd about him there, but if he should think proper to go to Maddapollam before he Can send to Vizagapatam you may let him have some money out of yr. Cash if You can spare any and you may send to Vizagapatam for more.

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Freinds

Fort St. George
23d. March 1737.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.
John Sanderson.

No. 25

To Mr. Joseph Goddard
Resident at Maddapollam.

Sir

This by Order of the Presidt. and Council Covers Invoice and bill of Lading for the Wares and Stores they Judge you may want at Your first going to Maddapollam now sent you on the Brigantine Narsing Tandell Poncula Ancona.

I am

Fort St. George
Aprill 2d. 1737.

Sir

Your humble Servant
Jno. Savage
Secry.

No. 26

To John Sanderson Esqr.
Cheif &ca. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Since our last of the 21st. of March we have recd. yours of the 5th. of that Month advising the Arrival of the Madrass Galley and the receipt of the Treasure sent by her, This comes by Mr. Sanderson who is so well acquainted with the state of our Investment here and the want we shall be in for Cloth to Load home the Expected ships that we perswade our selves you will endeavour by all proper and Prudent means to increase the Vizagapatam Investment. We are very sensible that two difficulties which we Labour under here namely the Scarcity and dearness of Cotten and Grain Affects you also in the Northern parts and therefore we permitt you to give a further encouragement to the Merchants & Weavers by allowing them a reasonable and propertionable advance upon the Last Years prises and in that we doubt not you will make as good a bargain for the Company as you can. You will be supplied from

hence fully with money as you call for it, and you must not let them want any either at Ingeram or Maddapollam. Inclosed you have Invoice and bill of Lading for Stores Sent on Racunaculas's Ship and We are

Gentlemen
Yr. Affectionate Freinds
Richard Benyon
&ca.

Fort St. George
Aprill 7th. 1737.

P.S.
Mr. Harrison having requested Leave to go to Bengall in hopes of recovering his health by the advice of Doctor Littlejohn you may permitt him to take his Passage thither on the Companys sloop that will be with you in a few days.

No. 27

To the Honble. John Stackhouse Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Sloop Margery that imported here the 4th. Inst. brought us yr. favour of the 4th. March with Duplicate of that of the 26th. Febry. By this Sloop we recd. the Salt Petre you sent on her, and shall expect what more you can spare us in due time. On the Mercury we send you all the Bullion we have left in the Warehouse Inve. and bill of Lading for wch. is Inclosed & such part of it as we received from England is Invoiced at the London price, the rest which is Charged at the Madrass price is what we received on the Companys Accot. from another Country, We beleive we shall be able to supply you wth. as much Redwood as you will have Occasion for which shall be sent You on the Company's Ships. We have Order'd the Sloop Margery into Vizm. to put ashore some Treasure there for the use of the Northern Settlements.

We are

Fort Sr. George
14th. Aprill 1737.

Honble. Sir & Sirs
Your Most Hum Servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

P.S.
By the Inclosed account Disbursemts. on this Sloop Margery yr. Honr. &ca. will perceive that besides a Coir Cable we have supplied her with a box of Medicines in the room of one that was Left behind at Calcutta & Six Tin lanthorns which the Master says will be wanted as well for the other sloops as this.

No. 28

To John Sanderson Esqr.
Cheif &ca. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

This Accompany's Duplicate of our last by Mr. Sanderson who Left us the 9th. Inst. & this is cheifly for Cover to an Invoice and bill of Lading for Pags. & Rupees

which we have Laden on the Companys Sloop Margery together with some stores &c[a]. which you had indented for, when she has deliver'd the whole on shore you must dispatch her to the President and Council in Bengall.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Freinds

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
THE 14TH. APRILL 1737.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

P.S.

M[r]. Denny takes his Passage on the Mergery Sloop to be Station'd where you think he will be most serviceable.

No. 29

TO CAP[N]. CRISTOPHER NICOLSON
MASTER OF THE SLOOP MARGERY.

SIR

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board Y[r]. Vessel & make the best of Y[r]. Way to Vizagapatam where you are to deliver the Treasure and Stores now Laden on You and the Accompanying Letter to the Cheif and Council, you must then proceed to Bengall where you are to deliver the other Letter You receive herewith to the President and Council of Fort William whose orders are to direct Y[r]. future Proceedings. DATED in Fort S[t]. George this Fifteenth day of Aprill 1737.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 30

TO CAP[N]. W[M]. CLARK OF SHIP MERCURY.

SIR

Having put on board Y[r]. Ship twenty three Chests of Treasure for Acco[t]. & Risque of the Hon̄ble English East India Comp[y]. Consigned free of Freight by agreement with Y[r]. Owners to the Hon[ble]. President and Council of Fort William, Wee direct that when the Company's Sloops take Charge of Y[r]. Ship to carry her up the River You put if You have but one Sloop half the Treasure on board her if two then one third on Each keeping the remainder on board unless You Should receive other directions from the President and Council there. We herewith deliver You Orders to the Masters of the Sloops to this Purpose.

We are

SIR

Y[r]. Affectionate freinds and Servants

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
APRILL 15TH. 1737

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 31

To the Masters of any of the Company's Sloops who may meet with the Mercury in Ballasore Road or in the River of Bengall.

Sir

As we beleive the President and Council of Fort William may not be appris'd of our Intention to send them any Treasure on this Ship for Account of the Honble. Company we immagine they may not have given you Orders to attend her up. We therefore hereby direct you to take Charge of the said ship and to receive w^{t}. Treasure Captain Clark shall put on board You for Acco^{t}. the Honble. Company.

We are

Fort S^{t}. George
The 15 Aprill 1737.

Sir
Y^{r}. Affectionate Freinds
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
Willm. Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 32

To M^{r}. John Graham
Resid^{t}. att Ingeram.

Sir

This by Order of the Presid^{t}. and Council covers Invoice and bill of Lading for Wares now sent You on the Nellypilly Brigantine. I am

Fort S^{t}. George
19 Aprill 1737.

Sir
Y^{r}. Humble Servant
Jno. Savage
Sec^{ry}.

No. 33

To Messrs. John Graham &
Joseph Goddard att Ingeram.

Sirs

Yesterday we received Y^{rs}. of the 3^{d}. Ins^{t}. and when we had Order'd M^{r}. Goddard upon so important a business to the Company as that of their Investm^{t}. we wonder You should keep him with You upon So Idle a pretence as ballancing Y^{r}. Books. We direct therefore that he set out for Maddapollam as soon as Possible according to the Directions we have before given.

Inclosed comes an Acco^{t}. of the Cloth rec^{d}. by the Jenny in September Last and that by the Nillee Pillee Brigantine in Jan^{ry}.

None of the Maddapollam Debts whether due from the Merch^{ts}. or others must be Transferr'd to M^{r}. Goddards Books but such as he intends to deal with, the rest must continue on M^{r}. Grahams books for Ingeram.

We are much pleased that M^{r}. Graham has concluded a Contract for 700 Bales at Ingeram and Considering the Extraordinary Encouragem^{t}. we have Lately given the Merch^{ts}. we hope we shall see an Amendm^{t}. in the Quality of the Cloth as well as an Increase in the Quantity and pray let us know what Number of Bales you think you may be able to send us up in August.

The Syrang of this Vessel waits only for this Letter & therefore we shall deferr what more we have to say 'till the return of Y^{r}. Peons.

We are

Fort S^{t}. George
23^{d}. Aprill 1737.

Sirs
Y^{r}. Assured Freinds
Richard Benyon &c^{a}.

No. 34

To THE WORSH^{LL}. JAMES HUBBARD ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR AND SIRS

We shall now reply to Y^{r}. Severals of the 7th. & 8th. Ins^{t}.

When we mentioned to You the Great expence the Comp^{y}. are at a year in maintaining Your Settlement it was not from Any Observation, we had made of any exceedings in the stated Charge or from any Doubt that you would be wanting in Y^{r}. Endeavours to lessen the expences as opportunity's Offer'd but when you wrote us in Yours of the 12th. March that Your Merchants where not to be pravailed on to enter upon any new Contract except upon terms (which it Could not be supposed) we Could consent to and even that upon those Terms they did not propose to bring in any Quantity it Immediately occurr'd to us w^{t}. our Honble Masters were pleased to write us in the 26th. Parth. of their Letter dated 10th. Novr. 1732 wherein they Say "Fort S^{t}. David's Quota of Cloth has been so inconsiderable of Late that we are apt "to think our People there forget the main design of keeping Garrisons & having "Settlements in India which Cant be maintained unless they produce a tolerable "Quantity of Goods for Europe". It was therefore only to prevent any such further Remarks on the Conduct of their Servants at Fort S^{t}. David which enduced us so earnestly to recommend it to you, that you should think of some means to procure such a Quantity of Cloth as might compensate for the Charge of the Settlement but in whatever sense you have understood us we are glad it has had the Effect we proposed for since you write us in Y^{rs}. of the 7th. that y^{r}. Merchants decline making any Contract, except upon the Terms they had before proposed we not only approve but are also well pleased that You have received and accepted the Proposals from Nella Tomby & Shacup Tomby, it will lye upon you to employ Persons of Good Judgem^{t}. to sort the Cloth as it Comes in brown, because as we understand you after it has undergone that sortment it is to be and to remain on the Companys Account however it sorts afterwards when it is Cured, you should therefore give Particular directions, that those who sort it brown take in None that they think will not at least be equal to N°. 3 when Cured because we shall be unwilling to Load the Company with any Quantity of N°. 4 and shall be puzzled to know what to do with any which may happen to be worse, this Method of providing Cloth for the Company will Occasion some Trouble in proportioning the prices of the several Numbers after it is Cured to the prises given for it when brown, but the Dep^{ty}. Govr. is so well wersed in Figures that he will be able to put you in a Method how to keep your Accounts clear.

We are not at all satisfyed with Y^{r}. Reasons for the ill Sortment of the Cloth by the Galley's Last trip, your Letter of the 7th. Ins^{t}. tells us she arrived with you the 28th. ffeb^{ry}. but Y^{r}. Letter of the 10th. of that Month told us she Arrived the Morn^{g}. before wch. was the 9th. and we know it was not sooner, You go on to say that You had in a former Letter advised that you Should not be ready to send up your Cloth before the 20th. ffeb^{ry}. and Great stress is Laid on the Presidents Letter by the Galley which you say had Obliged you to hurry the Washers and Beaters who had not time to get the Cloth Cured so that you were Obliged to sort it under a great disadvantage. It is certainly true you told us in Y^{r}. Letter of the 2^{d}. ffeb^{ry}. you hoped you should be able to send us one hundred Bales by the 20th. of that Month but for that very reason we thought we might Expect you would have fifty or near it by the 10th. and how much soever you might hurry Y^{r}. Washers and Beaters we are inclined to think from w^{t}. ours are able to do here twelve to fifteen Bales is the most they Could bring in, in 24 hours and the Galley did not stay with You Much above thirty besides it appears by Y^{r}. Own showing that part, (& we beleive a great Part) was embaled upon a Resortment of the Turned out Cloth, which must have been Cured Long before and indeed it appears by the List of Cloth Annexed to Y^{r}. Letter of the 17th. Jan^{ry}. that You had then on Hand 44 Bales of Turned out Cloth wch. in Y^{r}. Letter of the 21st. was encreased to 51, after that it disappeared and we heard no more of it in Y^{r}. Letters till now in Y^{r}. Letters of the 7th. Ins^{t}. before us.) You tell

us that You were sorting the Turned out Salem to Ord^{ry}. and not hav^{g}. the Liberty of a N°. 4, the N°. 3 must of Consequence be a little mixed, this is not a right way of reasoning, you tell us you had not liberty for a N°. 4 and Yet you take in that sort of Cloth to N°. 3 and Charge it as such, you say the Presidents Letter directed the send^{g}. up all the Cloth. You had ready at least Fifty Bales and if You had not that Quantity ready and were streighten'd to make it up without taking in a N°. 4 certainly it would have been more justifyable to have done so and we should not have hesitated to have approved thereof upon Such an Emergency rather than to have taken it all into a N°. 3, the reason is Plain but it is not only the Sortment of the N°. 3 we Complain of, the N°. 1 & 2 have much of the same Fault & altogether fixed a Necessity upon us to have it resorted that Justice may be done the Company a Method that is consistent with the Company's directions and the Practice of our Predecessors and therefore we are surprized at the reply of our Merchants, it is talking to us in a Manner which is entirely new and we shall not suffer it to be made a Precedent of now: You tell us they reply that having by Contract agreed for the delivery with you and Y^{r}. having accepted thereof they think themselves no ways obliged to receive any back that may be turned out in resorting, It is surprising to us that You should countenance them in such a frivoulous pretence, could none of you recollect that by the same Contract they Were Obliged to bring in the Whole quantity long before they did and in case of failure what Penalty they incurr'd thereby? What would they say if we should insist upon that Penalty? We suppose we should be told in Answer of their Great Losses and sufferings by the Quantities they have brought in but if they expect any favour from the Company on that Account they must merit it by a Behav[i]our different from the Present.

In fine the resortment of the Cloth whenever we have reason to think you have not been sufficiently Carefull is consistent both with reason and Equity and we shall Accordingly resort this Parcell without entering into any further debate about it and Charge You with the Difference that you may receive it of Your Merchants, we do not indeed beleive there will be much difference in the Value when it is resorted because the principal Fault is the unequalness of the sortment as we before hinted when we told you that had we not found Notes in the Bales we should have immagin'd the Cloth had not been sorted at all. There are in the N°. 1 many Peices fitt only for N°. 2 and not a few that ought to be put to N°. 3 as in the other Numbers there some N°. 1^{s}. in the N°. 2^{s}. and N°. 2^{s} in the N°. 3^{s}. so that what difference we shall make will be Cheifly in what will be flung out as Inferiour to that Number.

Notwithstanding we think it necessary to act in this manner with regard to this Cloth if hereafter there shall appear to be any weight in what Your Merch^{ts}. alledge of their Losses by the Last Contract we shall not be averse to represent their case to the Company but at present they must submitt to these our directions.

With this we return you the Musters of Y^{r}. Sallampores which we have Compared with the five Bales received by the Galley's Last Trip. The Bale N°. 1 has some Peices in it worse than Muster which might proceed from the Want of a Sufficient Quantity to Compleat the Bale, two Bales of the N°. 2 are pretty near the Muster and the Bale mark'd N°. 3 was full as good as those, but then the other Bale of N°. 2 was but an Indifferent N°. 3, as we supposed this proceeded from some Mistake in Y^{r}. Warehouse, we have Changed the Bale Notes and Package here and so have Passed all the five Bales according to Y^{r}. Invoice.

We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
APRILL 25TH. 1737.

WORSHIPF^{LL}. S^{R}. & S^{RS}.
Y^{r}. Aff^{te}. freinds & Servants
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 35

To the Worsh^ll^. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. David.

Worsh^ll^. Sir and Sirs

Yesterday we received Yours of the 28th. past and we approve your proposals for sending a person of Judgement and Capacity to Salem to inspect the Cloth there, that was what we Cheifly had in veiw when we wrote you our Last thô the former part of the Paragraph might incline You to think we Confin'd our directions only to such Part of the Cloth as should be brought into Y^r^. Bounds, as to this last we would hope that the Judgement of Y^r^. own sorters may be Sufficient to prevent the Companys Suffering and since it is necessary you must [confide in others] for what it is provided at Salem we hope you will Inspect it narrowly as soon and as often as it Comes into Your Bounds and if you find there has been any want of due care in the Country that You will give such other directions as may be necessary or Change hands if You think that will be more effectual to put a stop to the Evil.

We are

Fort S^t^. George
2^D^. May 1737.

Worsh^ll^. Sir & Sirs

Y^r^. Affectionate Freinds and Servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 36

To the Worsh^ll^. James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. David.

Worsh^ll^. Sir and Sirs

Since our Last we have rec^d^. yours of the 4 . & 7th. Ins^t^. the first inclosing only some of Your Monthly Accounts and with the Last we received six Peices of Long Cloth, We are not certain by Your Letter whether they are taken promiscuously out of the 200 Peices or out of the remain^g^. 128 Peices after the 72 Peices had been taken in by your Sorters but however that be we have examined these very perticularly and taken the opinion of our best Judges along with us. We suppose the Chemanauge Cloth is designed in Immitation of the Salem Cloth and we have marked every peice according to the Numbers we reckon it might be sorted to, if due care had been taken in manufacturing the peices, the same throughout as has been observed in some parts of them.

We have mark'd ... ... One Peice N°. 1
Two D^o^. N°. 2
Two D^o^. N°. 3
One Peice N°. 1 Ord^ry^.

But there are several remarkable Defects in some of the Peices particularly hold Folds of a Course Gouty Thread very different from the rest of the Peice and in some Peices large Threads run almost the Whole Length of them. We are Sensible it is almost impossible to get a Peice of Cloth especialy the Ord^ry^. sorts, from the Weavers without some defects of the kind, we find in these Peices but we must recommend it to you to be pressing with Your Merchants that they look more Narrowly over the Weavers and we are apt to think if they could be brought to sort the Thread before they sett ab^t^. Weaving the Cloth Many of the Faults complained of would be avoided.

As you write us nobody offer'd more for the Farms of your Bound rent and Weighing and Measuring Duty than the former Renters, who were willing to take them again upon the Old Terms, we have no Objection against your renewing their Cowles.

We send by a Couple of Cooly's overland the six Peices of Long cloth and are

FORT S^r^. GEORGE MAY 16TH. 1737. WORSHIPFULL SIR AND SIRS

Y^r^. Affectionate f^ds^. and Servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

N°. 37

TO THE HON^BLE^ JOHN STACKHOUSE ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A^. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HON^BLE^ SIR AND SIRS

Our Last to You was the 14th. of Aprill by the Sloop Margery and Ship Mercury, the Sloop Margery after she had put on shoar the Treasure we sent on her to Vizaga^m^. proceeded on her Voyage the 21st. and we doubt not she and the Mercury are safe arrived wth. you.

The Narcissus brought us your Severals of the 19th. Feb^ry^. and 10th. March. We are Obliged to Your Hon^r^. &c^a^. for the Supply of Salt Petre you have Sent us this season wch. we Compute will be sufficient for the Charterparty [Kint]lage of one ship in Sepr. and the Royall G[u]ardian in Jan^ry^. but we cannot supply them with any more if the Captains should request any on half Freight.

As the Company have Ordered fifteen hund^d^. or two Thous^d^. Pecul of Tea to be laden on the Royall G[u]ardian in China as part of her Cargoe for Europe we shall desire Your Hon^r^. &c^t^. to send us a Ship in Decr. to take in our Surplus Bales, what Number we may have then we shall better be able to advise you when we know whether we shall have the Mountague from Mocha to fill up here and after we have advices from our Northe[r]n Settlements what Quantity of Cloth we may Expect from thence.

The Ship You Send us in Decr. we reckon will be able to bring us what further Quantity of Salt Petre will be wanted to Kintlage a ship in Sepr. next year and for our Garrison use of which we Shall send you a perticular Indent by some of the following Ships as well as for what Packing stuff and other Wares and Stores may be wanting for the use of this Settlement.

We have in a former Letter advised you that we had given Orders to the Resident at Syrian to build two sloops there according to the dimentions & Directions you sent us, at the same time we sent over thither what stores we were inform'd were necessary to fitt and Rigg them. The Resident writes us the 8th. March he made no doubt they would be Compleated and ready to sail from Pegue by the beginning of Sepr. with a Load^g^. of Iron and Sloops Timbers but there was not any body there capable to Navigate them nor any Lascars, as to the last we would (thô with difficulty) supply them from hence but we cannot engage any Good Men to go over to Pilot them to Bengall for as it is supposed when the Sloops arrive with you the Charge of them will be deliver'd to the River Pilots, those who carry them over will be to seek for some other Employ. We must therefore leave it to Y^r^. Hon^r^. &c^t^. to send a small Vessel to Syrian with proper persons to bring them over and a sufficient Number of Lascars and Concerning these last, it will be proper they be such as have familys

residing in Yr. Bounds or else that they give good Security they will not run away in Pegue which otherwise they are very apt to do wch. all the care of the Resident will not be able to prevent, as the Vessel you send over Need not leave Bengall before the beginning of August, the Voyage will be but short and we reckon will be Less Charge to the Company than if we were to send their Crew's now from hence upon full Pay so many Months before they are wanted, the Expence will be still Less if the Residt. is able to get any Iron and Sloops Timbers to Load the Vessell back, if You have in store any deal Sparrs fitt for sloops Booms the builder desires they may be sent over as being more light and handy than Teak.

Inclosed in Yr. Letter of the 19th. ffebry. we received copy of the 74th. Paragth. of the Company's Letter to Yr. Presidency dated 15th. ffebry. 1715 ordering a Duty of a seer and a half ℘ Md. to be received on all Grain Exported from Calcutta by the English to any Place whatsoever and for such part as is traded for to this Place upon the proper certificates being Given of the said duty's being paid in Bengall the same was to be deducted out of the 5 ℘ Ct. payable here. Upon looking over our records we find due Notice had been Given of this Paragraph in the General Letter from Bengall dated 27th. of November 1716, but we do not find it had any Answer from hence nor was there then or Since any Deduction out of the Customs paid here for what had been pd. in Bengall. What might be the reason why so little notice was taken of an Order wherein the Interest of both Settlement was so much concern'd, we cannot as yet find out, We have Order'd the [Letter from] England to be Look'd over to see if there be any mention thereof in them and in the mean time have only agreed to give Certificates to all Your Ships that have paid the full Duty here.

We send inclosed Invoice and bill of Lading for Treasure, Copper, and Redwood on this ship Bedford, with Copy of her Charterparty and an Account of what has been Landed here from her and also of what was put ashore here from the Newcastle.

We are
Fort St. George
May 25th. 1737.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your Most Hum. Servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 38

To Captain William Wells
Commander of Ship Bedford.

Sir

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board and wth. the first fair Wind sett sail for the River of Bengal, on your arrival you are to deliver the Accompanying Packett as directed to the President & Council there to whom your Ship goes consign'd and follow their Orders for your future Proceedings. We wish you a good Passage and date this in Fort St. George this twenty fifth day of May 1737.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

N°. 39

To the Worsh$_{LL}$. James Hubbard Esq$_R$.
Deputy Governour &c^A. Council of Fort S^T. David.

Worsh^{LL}, Sir and Sirs

Last Night we have rec^d. Yours of the 23^d. May relating to the Chemanack-pollam Cloth and in answer thereto we say That thô we could wish some of the Faults we observed in the six Peices you sent us were mended before they are Look'd upon as Musters yet having consider'd with attention all that You write us in the Letter now Before us particularly that You are of Opinion no great Quantitys of Cloth can be Expected from Salem this Year and therefore that the Greatest Part of Y^r. Investment must come from Chemanackpollam of wch. you should turn out all that was not better than that wch. you Sent us, The Brokers would Leave off supplying Your Merch^{ts}. because they Could easily find a vent for it otherwise We say considering all these reasons we must be contented to submitt to the necessity of the times and permitt you to take in the Chemanackpollam Cloth as such rejecting however that sort Marked Ord^{ry}. N°. 1 except the Merchants will rest it with you as Ordinary. Further we say that as we suppose the seventy two Peices you had taken out before was better than the best of those Peices you sent us we think those only should be sorted to N°. 1 and such as are no better than what you sent us should in Regard to the defects complain'd in our last to be sorted only to N°. 2, 3 & 4 [if you] Cannot also without Prejudice to the Investment reject this Last Number. We hope you will think we have Expressed ourselves Clearly now, and to your satisfaction that there may be no longer any Impedient to Your Merchants going on briskly.

We are

Fort S^T. George
May 26TH. 1737.

Worsh^{LL}. Sir and Sirs
Y^r. Affecton^{te}. Freinds and Serv^{ts}.
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

N°. 40

To the Worsh^{LL}. James Hubbard Esq^R.
Deputy Governour &c^A. Council of Fort S^T. David.

Worshipfull Sir and Sirs

I am Order'd to advise you that a supply of twenty thousand Pag^s. will be Sent You overland to morrow Morning under Charge of thirty Peons.

Fort S^T. George
June 16TH. 1737.

Worsh^{LL}. Sir and Sirs
Y^r. Most Humble Servant
John Savage
Sec^{ry}.

No. 41

To the Worsh^ll. James Hubbard Esqr.
Dep^ty. Govr. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worsh^l. Sir and Sirs

Agreable to the advise I gave you Yesterday by Order of the President and Council this accompanies a Supply of twenty Thousand Pagodas under Charge of thirty Peons. I am

Fort S^t. George — Worsh^l. Sir and Sirs

June 7th. 1737. — Your Most Humble Servant

John Savage
Sec^ry.

No. 42

To the Worsh^l. Ja^s. Hubbard Esqr.
Dep^ty. Governour &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worsh^l. Sir & Sirs

We have received Y^rs. of the 3^d. Ins^t. and have Perused your Paym^r. and Gunner their Reports of the Charge to Repair the Bridge over the Gutter at Trevendaporum and to make the Fort Mazazine [*sic*] proper for keeping your Powder, as you are upon the Spot you are the best Judges how Farr these works are necessary, if you think they are so and will answer the ends proposed you have our Consent to sett ab^t. them.

We deferr saying anything to the Proposal for keeping your Store of Powder out of the Fort, [till you] Send us an Estimate of the Charge and at the same time give us Y^r. Opinion whether it be necessary.

The 7th. we sent you twenty Thousand Pag^s. to forward Y^r. Investment and we are

Fort S^t. George — Worsh^l. Sir and Sirs

June 13th. 1737. — Y^r. Affection^te. freinds & Servants

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 43

To John Sanderson Esqr.
C[h]eif at Vizagapatam.

Sir

We have since our last received Your severals of the 8th. 21th. & 25th. Aprill and one of the 10th. May.

We are very Glad to read you have bro^t. your Merchants to agree for a larger Number of bales than they have done for some years past, if they Comply with the Quantity they promise you it will justifie our Consent to the advance you have allowed them in the Prices.

By this Ship Decker we send You fifty six thousand Rupees and twenty five thousand two hundred & seventy five Madrass Pag^s., the Rupees we reckon will be fully sufficient to answer all Occasions you can have for them untill the beginning of next Year, when we shall have an Opportunity to supply you again, As for the Madrass Pagodas what we send you know are all we Can get in Town, and when you

have rec^d^. them we Compute You will have near if not more than sufficient to answer all uses you can have for them wch. we compute thus

The Ball^nce^. of Your Cash in Aprill		26344 — —
Deduct sent M^r^. Goddard	5000	
d° to M^r^. Graham	6000	
Paid Chittana	2000	
		13000 — —
Remains ..		13344 — —
We send you now		25275 — —
Total ..		38619 — —

Out of this Sum you tell us you are to supply M^r^. Graham with seventeen thousand Pagodas which with the six thous^d^. sent him the 8th. May makes up twenty three thousand the Sum he writes you he should have occasion for this Year, the remainder being twenty one thousand six hund^d^. & Nineteen we reckon will be more than M^r^. Goddard can Possibly want at Maddapollam and his occasions being supplied the rest will be for such part of Y^r^. Own Investment as requires Madrass Pagodas of wch should there be any dificiency we hope you will be able to Negotiate your Paym^ts^. in Rupees and we beleive you will not Complain of any want of those. However as we would not put you under a difficulty of any sort if we can get any more Pagodas and a conveyance to carry them they shall be sent you, in the mean time we would have you after you have rec^d^. this Money send us an Estimate of the State of Y^r^. Cash both in Pagodas and Rupees and what Draughts will be made upon it before we have an Opportunity to send [you] more wch. may not be before the Middle of Jan^ry^. next except by Peons overland that we shall not care for without a great necessity and it Cannot otherwise be avoided.

By this ship Decker we also send you as much Stationary Ware as we can spare together with all such other stores as you had indented for before and wch. we had no opportunity to send you till now.

Joab Roberts and Joseph Robbinson the two Deserters from this Garrison must be sent hither by the first Sea Conveyance.

We find little brick Choultry's so necessary in our Washing Towns here that we permitt you to build the Three you desire in yours thereby to prevent the danger from Fire and White Aunts [*sic*] which you apprehend in the Cajan Sheds and since you represent the New Powder House to be a necessary Work we do for this Once approve of it's having been sett about by M^r^. Harrison without our Previous Consent but for the future it must be a standing Rule with you never to sett ab^t^. a[ny] new Buildings without first sending us an Estimate of the Charge and receiving our Consent to begin it and the same we say for any repairs wch. may be necessary where the Charge will exceed ten Pagodas.

The Anchors and Grapnols are invoiced at the London Price but we sell the Anchors here for Five Pag^s^. the Hundred w^t^. and the Grapnols at Six, this Last you Should not sell under Six and a half and the Anchors at five and a Quarter the hundred w^t^., which we think a very reasonable advance for the Charge and Risque of sending them to You.

You must Credit us in Your Books ten Pagodas, being so much paid M^r^. Denny for his Charges Going from hence to Vizagapatam.

You must also Debt the Estate of John Blunt upon Your Books Sixty Pagodas being so much we had over Credited you upon a Supposition that the Freight on the Bales sent from Ingeram to Vizagapatam and bro^t^. hither by the London had not been Charged on the Goods, but that appearing since to have been a Mistake you must now bring it back to our Credit.

It appears upon our Books here that in 1733, Eleven Maunds twenty one Pounds of Lead was sent on the Sloop George, John Hunter Master and put ashoar among other things at Ingeram from whence it was afterwards sent by M^r^. Saunderson to Vizagapatam which you have not yet given us Credit for.

What you are Charged for two Bales of Sallampores sent up hither on the Munchi By Mr. Symonds in 1716 we must Settle as well as we Can here.

Inclosed you have an Account of what we have charged you for the Gunnes Rope and Twine you recd. out of the George in Decr. last. We are

Fort St. George
[June 16th.] 1737.

Yr. Affectionate freinds
Richard Benyon &ca.

No. 44

To the Honble John Stackhouse Esqr.
President and Governr. &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Herewith is Duplicate of our last Dated 25th. May by the Ship Bedford and this waits on you by the Decker, she is ordered to call in at Vizagapatam to put on shoar some Money for the use of our Northern Settlements and we have laden on board her twenty Eight Chests containing two hundred twenty four thousand Madrass Rupees and 100 Tons of Redwood consigned to your Honr. &ca. as ⅌ Inve. and bill of Lading inclosed.

You have on this ship also a Letter [from] the Cheif and factors at Tellicherry advising that they had Laden on board her Eleven Hundred Eighty Six Tellicherry Candy's of Pepper one half whereof was consigned to us and the other half to Yr. Presidency, we know not whether the Gentlemen on the other side have Charged us for the amount in equal Proportions or whether they have Charged it to Account Currt. London but as we have received somewt. more than half the Quantity on Shoar here we beleive it will be Clearer to the Accountts. at home that we state the Account as follows, we have Given Accot. Currt. London Credit for Ninety four thousd. nine Hundred ninety five Rupees, one quarter Sixty Reas the Amt. of the whole Quantity Laden on board at Tellicherry and as their is left on board to be deliver'd you at Calcutta 588. 67 the proportion of the Cost & Charges is

Rupees ..	47105	3	64
Batta 10 ⅌ Cent ..	4710	2	36
	51816	2	—

Rups.
At 350 ⅌ 100 Pags. is [. . . .]

which Sum we shall debt you for in our Books. The Gentlemen of Bombay have doubtless advisd you that the Decker has Seventy eight Tons of Copper on board for the Companys account and sent you a seperate bill of Lading for the same you have inclosd in this Original Bill of Lading for the Pepper shipped on board at Tellicherry upon wch. we have endorsed off Tellicherry Candy's of Six hundred Pounds five hundred Ninety seven Candy's 533 lbs. being the Quantity received on Shoar here.

We are

Fort St. George
June 16th. 1737.

Honourable Sr. & Srs.

Your Most Hum. Servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augs. Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 45.

To Capt. Edwd. Williamson
Commander of the Decker.

Sir

On receipt hereof You are to repair on board yr. Ship and make the best of Yr. Way to Vizm. where You are to deliver the Treasure and Stores Laden on You for that Place and the Accompanying Letter to the Cheif, you must then Proceed to Bengall where you are to deliver the other Letter you receive herewth. to the President and Council of Fort William to whom Your Ship goes Consigned & whose Orders are to Direct Your future Proceedings. We wish you a good Passage and date this in Fort St. George this Sixteenth day of June 1737.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 46

To Mr. Jonathan Smart
Resident at Syrian in Pegue.

Sir

We have received Yrs. of the 8th. March advising that the two Sloops for Bengall would be ready to sail thither the beginning of Sepr., of this we have Given due Notice to the Govr. and Council of Calcutta and desired they would send you from thence a sufficient Number of Lascars and proper Persons to Navigate them, as well as some deal Sparrs for Booms if they have any, In all Probability they will dispatch a Small Vessell from the Bay the latter end of July or beginning of Augst. and it will be Proper that You have also a little Cargo of Iron and Sloops Timbers to Load her back with the other two, The small Sloop that is a building for the service of the West coast we do not design should come over 'till Decemr. next and therefore it is not Necessary to send any body over from hence to take Charge of her 'till the Dispatch [of] the August Ships from the Coast.

We are informed that several of the Kings Subjects do annually steal over to Pegue without Licence from hence and during their Residence [there live in a] Riotous and Disorderly manner and further that many of them hire themselves out to Navigate the Ships belonging to the Moors and other Indians which if not prevented may be of Great Prejudice to the English Trade, To put a stop therefore to the Mischeifs wch. may arise from such Practices We direct in the first Place that You admonish All Persons in the English Service that they live Soberly and without Givg. offence to the Governmt. or Natives of Pegue Least they should endanger the Priviledges we enjoy there at Present And to prevent the Prejudice to the English Navigation wch. may arise from any of his Majesty's Subjects Sailing in the Indian Ships, We send you inclosed several Printed Proclamations by his Present Majesty forbidding all his subjects trading to or being in the East Indies contrary to the Priviledges granted to the Compy. which proclamations you must fix up in the

Factory and if any of the English or others his Majesty's Subjects shall notwithstanding enter into any Forreign Service you must do your best to secure their Persons and send them over to us.

We are

FORT S^T. GEORGE
16 JUNE 1737.

SIR
Y^r. Assured Freinds
RICH^D. BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 47

TO [JOHN] SANDERSON ESQ^R.
CHEIF AT VIZAGAPATAM.

SIR

Last Night we received Y^rs. of the 26th. May and you have inclosed Invoice and bill of Lading for Gun Powder and Lead wch. we have put on board the Decker that we had dispatched Yesterday, but have detain'd another day to take these things for You.

We are

SIR

FORT S^T. GEORGE
17TH. JUNE 1737

Your Affectionate Freinds
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 48

TO CAP^N. HENRY HOADLY COMMANDER OF THE SHIP
ROYALL G[U]ARDIAN OR THE COMMANDER FOR THE TIME BEING.

SIR

By Virtue of the Power given us by the Court of Directors for Affairs of the United Company of Merch^ts. of England trading to the East Indies, we have entered into an Agreem^t. with M^r. James Nevill in behalf of himself and others for the Hire and Freightment of the Ship Royall G[u]ardian from this Port to the Port of Canton in China and back again to this Port of Madrass and have deliver'd over to the said M^r. Nevill the Ships Charterparty who by Virtue of his agreement with us, is intitled to all the use Priviledges and advantages of the Said ship the same as the Company might [&] would have been, had she gone the Voyage on their Account and therefore you are hereby order'd to follow all such Orders and Directions as you shall receive from the said M^r. James Nevill as well for Load^g. and unloading your Ship as for sailing from Port to Port.

M^r. Nevill is by his agreement with us to dispatch the Ship back to this Port by the 15 Novr. next, wch. we doubt not he will Comply with. We have also agreed with the said M^r. Nevill that the Company's Supra Cargoes in China should have the Liberty of Load^g. Fifteen Hundred or two thousand Pecul of Tea on board the Royall Guardian as part of her Cargoe for Europe which as we doubt not they will

Comply with, you must stow the same in the dryest part of the ship and take particular Care that it is not tainted with Camphire or any other strong smelling Drug of wch. you must not suffer any to be brought on board the ship.

We must Caution you likewise to be particularly carefull to prevent any Ophium being Carryed in Y^r^. Ship into any of the China Ports, that Commodity by an Express order of the Empourer being prohibited under the Severe Penalty of Confiscation both of Ship and Cargoe and Death to the Importer. We wish you a good Voyage and date this in Fort S^t^. George this Seventeenth day of June 1737.

Richard Benyon.

Randall Fowke.

Augustus Burton.

Nicholas Morse.

Francis Rous.

William Monson.

George Torriano.

No. 49

To the Gentlemen Supra Cargoes
of the English Companys Ships at Canton.

Sirs

Our Hon̄ble Masters advise us in their Letter of the 3^d^. Novr. last that they had given you Instructions to put on board the Royall G[u]ardian at Canton about fifteen hundred or two Thousand Pecul of Tea Consign^g^. the same to us as part of her Cargoe for Europe; & that as a Consideration for the Tonnage wch. the said Tea would take up they are pleased to allow a Tale and [a] half ℔ Pecul to be paid in China. We have given M^r^. James Nevill due notice of this who has hired the ship for the Voyage and he is by his agreement with us to receive the said Tea on board and we desire you will pay him the Freight wch. the Company have allowed for the same.

We suppose it Needless to advise you that the Company intend this Ship Should be dispatched home from hence in Jan^ry^. or early in Feb^ry^. at farthest. We must therefore depend upon you for the Quantity of Teas the Company have order'd, for as we have Computed the Number of Bales this Ship will take in over and above the Tea we shall write to the Gentlemen in Bengall to supply us with sufficient Tonnage to take in the rest of our Bales So that if You Should Send us Less than fifteen hundred Pecul of Tea [we] shall be under Great Difficulties to fill up this Ship at least to dispatch her so Early as We ought to do, We wish you [success in] our Hon̄ble Masters Affairs and are Sirs, Y^r^. Most Hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

Fort S^t^. George
June 17th. 1737.

Richard [Benyon &c^a^.].

No. 50

To Michael Gallart Esqr.
Cheif &c^a^. Council of Pulliacatt.

Messrs.

This Morning we received your Letter of the 2^d^. July N. S. relating to one Matthy's Ecker a soldier who had deserted from your Garrison. In answer thereto we have the Honour to acquaint you that ab^t^. two or three day's ago a Stranger came into our Bounds and within few hours after embarked as we are informed on board one

of the Ships that were ready to Sail out of our Road, in all likelyhood this stranger is the Person you write ab^t^. and if he appears again in our Bounds Shall be sent you upon your promise to Pardon him for his Desertion.

We are

Messrs.

Yr. most Humble. & Obedt. Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
22D. JUNE 1737.

RICHD. BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 51

TO THE WORSHIPFULL JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHLL. SR. & SRS.

This by Order of the Presidt. and Council accompanies a Recruit for Yr. Garrison of 30 Soldiers whose Names are Specified in the annexed List, they are Commanded by Joshua Senior who is appointed an Ensign at your Place in the room of Mr. Peele, his Commission is accordingly inclosed. Thos. Raven the Serjeant is to be return'd hither with the Peons who Accompany the Party. I am

WORSHLL. SIR AND SIRS

Yr. Most Humble. Servants [*sic*]

FFORT ST. GEORGE
23D. JUNE 1737.

JNO. SAVAGE
Secry.

List of the Men

RICHARD JONES.
THOMAS WILKINSON.
WILLM. BEST.
RICHD. FLOWERS.
BENJN. WATERS.
ABRAHM. SMITH.
JOHN HADLY.
CHAS. ORMOND.
JAMES CORNWALL.
THOMAS CHEASEY.
WILLIAM YATES.
JOHN BLAKE.
JOHN WILLIAMSON.
DAVID KEATES.
HENRY OSBURNE.
NATHLL. HANDS.
JOHN WILKS.
MATTW. SALTER.
JOHN BEETLE.
ROBERT DOWNEY.
THOMAS WILSON.
WILLM. SMITH.
PETER DELAMAR.
SAMLL. VAUTIER.
THOS. HUDDLE.
ARTHD. CROSDAL.
HENRY ADRIANS.
ORMOND SPRAGG.
THOMAS DAVEY.
JAMES FORD.

No. 52

To the Worshll. Jas. Hubbard Esqr.
Depty. Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir and Sirs

The 17th. Inst. we received yours of [the 15th. Inst.] in answer to your Merchants proposal to br[ing in] one & two hundred bales of blue Cloth, we are [to advise] You that our Honble Masters have not for these two Years past demanded above two thousand Peices for which reason we kept back here part of what you sent us in February particularly all that came by the Madrass Galley and have now in our Warehouse near Fourteen hundred Peices, and for the rest being about Six hundred Peices we have bespoke them here, our Cloth being much better than what your Merchants have lately sent us and our Dye full as Good.

We take notice of the Death of Ensign Peele and your recommendation of William Karr; but Serjeant Joshua Senior having been recommended to us by the Cheif and Council of Tellicherry for his behav[i]our with them he had our Promise for the First Ensigns Commission that should be vacant. He sett out from hence on thursday last with thirty Europeans to recruit your Garrison and the Secretary inclosed his Commission to be deliver'd him by you in the Letter wch. he sent you the 23d. Inst.

On thursday arrived our Honble. Masters' Ships the Devonshire, Nottingham, Princess Louisa and Lyell, inclosed we send you Copy of the 31st. 32d. & 33d. Paragphs. of the letter to this Place Dated the 9th. ffebry. wch. are all that we think has any relation to Fort St. David.

We are

Fort St. George
25th. June 1737.

Worshipfll. Sir & Sirs

Your Affte. Freinds & Servts.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 53

To the Honble. John Stackhouse Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Our last to your Honour &ct. was Dated the 16th. June by the Ship Decker of which you have Duplicate herewith, the 23d. Past arriv'd here our Honble. Masters Ships Devonshire, Nottingham, Lyell and Princess Louisa, the Lyell by which ship we write you this is Design'd for the West coast, after your Honr. &ct. have laden about two Hundred and fifty Tons of Salt Petre or other Goods on board her concerning which you have doubtless particular directions from Europe. We have annexed to this Letter a list of such stores as we have reason to beleive will be wanted upon the West Coast, and which we desire you will send thither on the Lyell. For any other Goods we must wait for further advices from the West Coast which we expect every day and if any be indented for from thence we shall advise you thereof in due time.

We are sorry to advise you that we are apprehensive of meeting with a disappointment in the Quantity of Redwood we had bespoke we had design'd to send you Two Hundred and thirty Tons of wch. one hundred and fifty has been sent You by the Bedford and Decker. We are Obliged to reserve sufficient for the Nottingham and Royall G[u]ardian and therefore beleive we shall not be able to send you above fifty Tons more but that added to what we have sent you, and what you have already in

Store we beleive will be more than you can possibly want to dunnage the Ships [. . .] able to dispatch this Season, though it is [. . .] the Quantity You wrote for.

Our last letter from the Company advices us that sixteen Bales of Popinjas and fifty five Bales of Reds were by mistake consign'd to the Bay by the Early Ships wch. were indented for from hence and therefore they had Order'd you to send them to us by the first of their Ships you sent hither unless you could sell them better in Bengall, the last We sold here was at the rate of 30 ℔ Cent on Invoice reckoning Nine Shillings the Pagoda so that if you can dispose of them at or near that Price we beleive it will be more for the Company's Interest than to send them hither.

On the Lyell we return your Honr. &ca. the Large looking Glass you sent us in July 1735, havg. nobody here you can perform the Work it requires.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE

JULY 1°. 1737.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Humble Servts.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

LIST OF STORES WANTING ON THE WEST COAST VIZT.

Ophium Patna ... 2 Chests.

Mustard Seed Oyl ... 50 Jarrs.

Gunneys close for Pepper bags each Gunney 17 covids Long 17 fingers Broad 8000 Bags.

Twine 10 Maunds.

FORT ST. GEORGE
JULY 1°. 1737.

N°. 54

TO THE HONBLE JOHN HORNE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

By our Honble Masters ship Decker we recd. your favour of the 11th. Aprill, at the same time we received from the Cheif and Factors at Tellicherry eleven Hundred and eighty Six Tellicherry Candy's of Pepper amounting to Rupees Ninety four thousand Nine hundred Ninety five one Quarter Sixty raes wch. we have Passed to the Credit of Accot. Currt. London and Debted Bengall Presidency for the share we Left on board to be deliver'd there.

We are concern'd at the Account you give us of the Progress of the Sou Rajah on the Island of Salset because of the expence and Trouble wch. will be occasion'd by his Neighbourhood; we hope your next letters will bring us more agreeable advices.

The Cheif Occasion of this Dispatch is to forward a Packett for your Honr. &ca. from the Cheif and Factors at Anjengo and we take the Opportunity to advise you that several of our Honble Masters Ships from England arrived here as follows.

Aprill	25th. Ship Bedford	...	William Wells.
May	13th. Newcastle	...	Richard Crabb.
	21st. Royall G[u]ardian.		Henry Hoadly.
June	23d. Devonshire	...	Lawrence Prince *Senr*.
	Nottingham	...	Ralph Farr Winter.
	Lyell ...	...	John Acton.
	Princess Louisa	...	Richard Pinn[ell].

We Expect the Duke of Do[rset . . .] the Madeiras and we propose to Dispatch [the Notting]ham from hence to England the latter [. . .] next.

We are

FORT S^r^. GEORGE — HON^BLE S^R^. & S^RS^.

1°. JULY 1737. — Y^r^. Most Humble Servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

N°. 55

TO STEPHEN LAW ESQ^R^.
CHEIF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

By our Honble. Masters Ship Decker that arrived here the 12th. May we received yours of the 25th. Aprill inclosing Invoice and bill of Lading for 1186 Candy's of Pepper amounting to (Rupees) 94995¼. (Reas) 60. We have given Acco^t^. Curr^t^. London Credit for the whole, and having received on shoar here about half the Quantity we have debted Bengall Presidency for the remainder that was left on board to be deliverd there.

We are pleased that the Conduct of the Officers we Sent you was to your Satisfaction, we have had regard to Y^r^. recommendation in favour of the Serjeant to whom we have given an Ensigns Commission and shall do for the rest as we have opportunity.

We are

GENTLEMEN

FORT S^T^. GEORGE — Y^r^. Very Humble Servants

2ND. [JULY] 1737. — RICH^D^. BENYON &C^A^.

N°. 56

TO THE HON^BLE^. JOHN STACKHOUSE ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOV^R^. &C^A^. COUNCIL OF FORT WILLIAM.

HON^BLE^ S^R^. & S^RS^.

By this Ship Princess Louisa we send your Hon^r^. &c^a^. a Packett directed for you by the Nottingham for wch. you have Cap^n^. Pinnels receipt Inclos'd, the Copper and what other Goods are on board the Nottingham for Your Place shall be sent by some other Conveyance.

We are

FORT S^T^. GEORGE — HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS

JULY 2^D^. 1737. — Your most Humble Servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

N°. 57

To William Wake Esqr.
Cheif &ca. factors at Anjengo.

Gentlemen

Since our last we have received your Severals of 29th. Aprill 18th. May & 1°. June the first was bro^{t}. us by Ensign Forbes & the two Last to Accompany your Packetts for Bombay we have already Sent [one] by the way of Suratt as we shall do the other in [. .].

We are

Fort S^{t}. George
July 3^{d}. 1737.

Gentlemen
Y^{r}. very [Humble] Servants
Rich^{d}. [Benyon &c^{a}.]

N°. 58

To John Sanderson Esqr.
Cheif &c^{a}. Council at Vizagapatam.

Sir

Herewith is Duplicate of what we wrote you by the Decker, the 3^{d}. Ins^{t}. we received yours of the 13th. June, and have taken into Consideration what you write about allowing 3 Pag^{s}. ℔ Bale Freight, and have agreed to the same provided the Vessel does not gain her Passage back again, but if she does as we think she may if she is dispatched early from Vizagapatam we shall think 2½ pag^{s}. ℔ Bale full enough.

We sent you a Supply of Stationary Ware by the Decker and when the Dorset arrives who has on board what more is design'd for this Place we shall send you sufficient to supply your occasions.

We are

Fort S^{t}. George
July the 7th. 1737.

Sir
Y^{r}. Affectionate Freinds
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

N°. 59

To M^{r}. John Graham
[Resident at] Ingeram.

Sir

Since our Last we have rec^{d}. your severals of the 7th. & 30th. May & the assurance you give us of 300 Bales by the 15°. August and 400 more by the 1°. Jan^{ry}. next gives us great Pleasure, we shall some time this Month or early in next send some Persons from hence to assist in carrying on your Business, your advices relating to the Country Government must be continued and

We are

Fort S^{t}. George
7th. July 1737.

Sir
Your Affectionate Freinds
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

N°. 60

To M^r^. Joseph Goddard
Resident at Maddapollam.

Sir

We have received yours of the 31st. May advising your arrival at Maddapollam and your reception by the Phousdar there, We shall be well Satisfied this Year with the two Hundred Bales you give us hopes of by Xmas depending upon your Care to encrease the Investmt. when the Circumstances of the Country will permitt you, & depending also yt. you will do your [best] to keep up to the Musters as well in the Length and [breadth as] in the Goodness of the Fabrick, we wish you Success [and] are

Sir

Fort St. George
7th. July 1737.

Your Affte. Freinds
Richard [Benyon &ca.]

N°. 61

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipll. Sir & Sirs

We have received yours of the 30th. June and as to the five Hundred Pagodas 500 taken from two of Yr. Merchants Peons, we shall use our best endeavours to recover it and do not as yet despair of succeeding, wch. is all we Can Say to that Matter at Present.

We have had Tomby Chitty before us concerning the Ballnce. of his Account upon your Books, he was, or at least effected to be greatly surprised that his People had not made it good, but wherever the fault has Layn hitherto, he has now sent such Orders to his Gomastas that he assures us will be effectual to put you into the Money before this month is out.

Since it is your opinion that Yr. new Merchants ought to have twenty thousand Pags. constantly in their hands in order to their bringing in a Considerable quantity of Cloth, and that you do not apprehend any Danger to our Hon̄ble Masters in advancing such a sum you have our Consent thereto but as your scituation is so near the Cloth Country's such a sum as that may be often return'd from thence in[a]Year, and therefore we shall expect a good [quan]tity of Cloth in Proportion to the Money that is advanced, as to Yr. Merchts. Request that whenever it may be thought Proper to Call the Ballances due from them out of their hands they may be allowed Six Month's to Pay them in, we think it so reasonable that you may not only Promise them that, but also that it shall be at their Option to make good such Ballances either in Money or Cloth provided however that you have no reason to Apprehend there is any danger of a bad debt for in such case you must take the most early and Effectual means to secure the Company.

As to your Merchts. other Request that should any loss happen by their People being robb'd in the Country by carrying money thither or bringing Cloth from thence, such loss might not be theirs, you were certainly in the right when you told them the Company never took that Risque upon themselves and we shall not saddle them with any such thing now, when accidents of that sort happen they are generally attended with circumstances that are very dark and intricate and we may often receive Complaints of Robbery's that it may be impossible for us to discover whether they are real or pretended. All we Can promise is that when any such thing really happens we shall make use of the most pressing Instances with the Country Government to obtain satisfaction.

We take notice of your List of Cloth upon Hand wch. is very little, however we are Glad to read that your Merchts. begin to bring it in pretty fast and hope they will perform their promise in using their utmost diligence in the Investment, we shall very

soon be Obliged to write the Gentlemen in Bengall how much Tonnage we can provide for this Year and therefore we [. . .] know from you how many bales you will have ready [. . .] Sepr. Ship and how many more you Can [. . .] hops that you will have ready Cured and Embaled [. . .] the last of Jan^{ry}.

We shall Comply with your Indents for Stores and Stationary ware as near as we Can by the first opportunity.

We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE

JULY THE 8TH. 1737.

WORSHIPF^{LL}. SIR AND SIRS

Your Aff^{te}. Freinds & Serv^{ts}.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

N°. 62

TO THE WORSHIPF^{LL}. JA^{S}. HUBBARD ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

We have received yours of the 11th. Ins^{t}. and observing thereby that M^{r}. Sam^{ll}. Cowper y^{r}. Doctors mate is dead, and that Imaum Saib is very press^{g}. for Doctor Munro to attend upon Backarally Cawn we have Order'd M^{r}. Turin our Doctors mate to sett out from hence this Evening to Officiate at Your Place during Doctor Munro's absence and when we Can engage any other Person for Your Doctors mate we shall send him to you.

We are

WORSH^{LL}. S^{R}. & S^{RS}.

Y^{r}. aff^{te}. Freinds & Serv^{ts}.

[FORT S^{T}.] GEORGE.
[15TH.] JULY 1737.

RICHARD BENYON
&C^{A}. AS ABOVE.

N°. 63

TO THE WORSH^{LL}. JAMES HUBBARD ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

WORS^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

I am order'd by the President & Council to advise you that 20000 Pag^{s}. will be sent You overland tomorrow morning under Charge of thirty Peons.

I am

WORS^{LL}. SIR & SIRS

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
25TH. JULY 1737.

Y^{r}. Most Hum̃. Servant
JN^{O}. SAVAGE
Secry.

No. 64

To the Wors^{ll}. Ja^{s}. Hubbard Esq$_{r}$.
Deputy Govr. &c^{t}. Council of Fort S^{t}. David.

Wors^{ll}. Sir & Sirs

Agreable to the advise given you Yesterday by our Sec^{ry}. this accompanies a Supply of twenty Thousand Pag^{s}. under Charge of thirty Peons.

We are

Worsh^{ll}. Sir & Sirs

Fort S^{t}. George
26 July 1737.

Your Affe^{te}. Freinds & Serv^{ts}.
Rich^{d}. Benyon [&c^{a}.]

No. 65

To John Sanderson Esqr.
Cheif at Vizagapatam.

Sir

By this Vessel that is bound to Ballasore we send Thos. Pitt and Joseph Arbuckle whom we have entertain'd as monthly Writers upon the usual terms, to Assist M^{r}. Graham at Ingeram till such time as we Can supply their Places with Covenanted Servants. As he is in great want of Writing Assistants you must forward both these to him as soon as Possible, we have Agreed with the Owner of this Vessel for their Passage Down and the Deviation in her Voyage and You must furnish w^{t}. more is necessary in their Journey to Ingeram.

We are

Fort S^{t}. George
July the 28th. 1737.

Sir

Your Affectionate Freinds
Rich^{d}. Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 66

To the Honble John Stackhouse Esqr.
President and Govr. &c^{t}. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir and Sirs

We wrote you the 1°. July by the Devonshire and Lyell and another short Letter dated the 2^{d}. July by the Princess Louisa, the 26th. July arrived our Honble. Masters Ship the Duke of Dorset from Madeira, we reckon she will be ready to sail by the last of this Month and we propose to send you by her 50 Chests of Rupees, and what Redwood she can take in.

The 26th. July also arriv'd here the Prince of Orange from Judah last from Mocha. We have no Letters from the Chief at Mocha but Captn. Baillee tells us the Wilmington and Mountague fell to Leward of Aden and despairing of getting up to Mocha bore away for Bombay ab^{t}. the 17th. June, that M^{r}. Waters had bought a Quantity of Coffee sufficient to Load the Mountague for England and had hir'd a Moors ship to Carry it to Bombay, We beleive therefore the Mountague will not Call upon us here for any of our Bales, and having since our last rec^{d}. advices from Fort S^{t}. David, Vizagapat^{m}. and the Northern Settlements what Number of Bales they hope to send us for the dispatch of the ships in Jan^{ry}. we are will^{s}. to flatter ourselves that over and above what we reserve and suppose the Royall G[u]ardian will take in

we shall have 1200 Bales more for Such Ship or Ships as you may send hither to take them in Decr. next but as our dependance on that Number is very uncertain owing to the Great & Terrible Draught [*sic*] [and famine] that has been and still Continues in all the Cloth Countrys we [desire] you will without fail send us 60 or 100 Tons of [Salt Petre] to fill up in Case of a disappointment besides [what] may be necessary to Kintlage our next Sepr. Ship [what] other wares and Stores will be wanting here we s[end the indent] for in this Packet.

Our Honble Masters are pleas'd to tell us our Method of curing your Sanoes here had answer'd their Purpose and therefore direct us to write to you for some more, but as they are not pleased to say how many we suppose the usual Quantity will be sufficient. We desire they may come upon the first ship because for these two years past it was as much as we Could do to get them ready for the last ship we dispatch'd home.

Inclos'd in this Packet is a Letter to Y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. from the Govr. & Council of S^{t}. Helena wch. we rec^{d}. from the West Coast by the George. The Duke of Lorrain was Dispatch'd from Fort Marlborough early in Jan^{ry}. and the Compton was full Laden and within a day of Sailing when she unfortunately took Fire, and the Whole ship & Cargo so intirely burnt that what was saved did not Exceed the Value of Five Hundred Dollars and that what thrown upon the Rocks when the ship blew up by our advices from the West Coast and the Directions the Comp^{y}. have sent for the dispatch of two ships design'd thither this Year we have no Occasion to desire Your Honour &c^{t}. to send any Goods as part of their Lading for Europe more than the Quantity of Salt Petre & Redwood you were advised of in our last.

If Your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. have not already provided the Quantity of Oyl & Gunney Bags we indented for in our last for the use of the West Coast, or if provided you can dispose of them otherwise we beleive 20 Jarrs of Oyl and one thousand Bags will be as many as you need send [on] the Lyell.

We are

Fort S^{t}. George

[Augst.] 12th. 1737.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Y^{r}. Most Hum. Servants

Richard Benyon &c^{t}.

Indent for Pack^{g}. stuff &c^{t}. wanting for the use of the Export Warehouse Anno 1738.

Gurrahs of 36 Covids Long	fifteen hundred ..	15,00 Peices.
Gunneys 17 Covids Long 15 Inches broad ..	ten thous^{d}. ..	10,000 Peices.
Rope	Forty	40 Candy's.
Twine	Twenty	20 Candy's.

Salt Petre according to the Genl. Letter of this date.

Fort S^{t}. George

Augst. 12th. 1737.

Augustus Burton

Exp^{t}. Warehousek^{r}.

No. 67

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Dep^{ty}. Govr. &c^{a}. Council of Fort S^{t}. David.

Worshipfull Sir and Sirs

This by Order of the President and Council serves only to Accompany M^{r}. Robert Cæsar a Covenanted serv^{t}. whom they have appointed to Assist at y^{r}.

place in such Employ as he may be most usefull in. He arriv'd here the 23ᵈ. June, with him Comes also James Mackneight to supply the Place of Mʳ. Cowper your Late Surgeons Mate, his allowances are to be paid him from the 20ᵗʰ. Ult°. I am

FORT Sᵀ. GEORGE — WORSHᴸᴸ. SIR AND SIRS

16ᵀᴴ. AUGˢᵀ. 1737. — Your Most Humle Servant

JNᴼ. SAVAGE
Secʳʸ.

No. 68

To JOHN SANDERSON ESQᴿ.
CHEIF AT VIZAGAPATAM.

SIR

It was the 16ᵗʰ. at night before we recᵈ. yours of the 7°. July the Peons being stop'd twenty day's by the Overflowing of yᵉ. Kistna.

We are Concern'd for the Impediments you have mett with in your Investment but as the Troubles in the Country whereof no Long Continuance we shall still hope that you will be able to get the Expected Quantity of Cloth from Tooney & Upparra.

We receiv'd your Cash Accoᵗ. for the Month of June, and as You write us the ballⁿᶜᵉ. would be more than sufficient for your Present Occasions we shall not think of sending you any more Madrass Pagˢ. till Janʳʸ. besides that otherwise we Could not get any now to send you by this ship.

You tell us you have got another sett of Washers from Cacanata who will want the same Conveniency's as the other setts, if so usefull a sett of People will stay with You and you Can find employment for them we shall not be against their having all things that are necessary but Yʳ. Last list of Cloth does not show us that yʳ. former Setts have as yet perform'd any great matter.

We observe what You say of a Brick building for the Guard by the Sea side and when You send us an Estimate of the Charge you shall have our answer.

Concerning the deficiency in the Weight of the Powder & Lead sent you for any thing that Appears by your Letter to the Contrary the Fraud may be among your Coneycoply's for you do not tell us if any others were Concern'd in receivᵍ. it but however that be, the Powder Barrels are always tarr'd here before they are filled and then weigh'd and Mark'd by Our Gunner or his Mate, we know Powder rather Gain's than loses in weight, and we have had no Complaints of it's falling short from others, The Deficiency in that as well as the Lead may possibly proceed from Your Weights being heavyer than they Should be that You will do well to enquire into, and see that they are truely adjusted.

The Account that you give of the 11 Mᵈ. 3 Pounds of Lead is very different from what we wrote you in ours of 16ᵗʰ. June. It appear'd to us [then] that the Quantity was Eleven Maund 21 Pounds that was sent on the Sloop George John Hunter Master and put on shore at Ingeram and from thence sent to Vizagapatam, We are now told that the Quantity was 11. 3 (md. lb.) and that you took it out of the Cossimbuzar Sloop at Ingeram in lieu of what it is said Mʳ. Davis must have recᵈ. by the Mary if it was so Certainly some of the People about you might tell what became of it; We Cannot at this distance of time and Place clear this Matter up here, and if you Cannot find it out with you it must be wrote off by Proffitt and Loss.

This Comes by our Honᵇˡᵉ. Masters Ship George that now wants to be new caulked & Sheath'd, and to be new Naild; [We] have Orderd her to Vizagapatᵐ. beleiving that work [may be] done Cheaper in Yʳ. River than in Bengall besides that she [may] be at Hand to bring up the Bales from the North[ward] where a Conveyance may happen to be most [wanted] and as Yours is the Windermost Port we have [Chosen to send] her into Yʳ. River rather than Ingeram or Narsa[pur].

You [sic] have inclos'd Invoice and bill of Lading for what we send You on her and

We are

Sir

Fort St. George
20th. August 1737.

Your Affectionate Freinds

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

[No.] 69

To Capt. John Taylor Master
of Ship George.

Sir

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam, where you are to Deliver to the Cheif the Accompanying Letter & what else you have on board for that settlement, you are also to follow such orders as you shall receive from him for yr. future Proceedgs. Dated in Fort St. George this 20th. day of August 1737.

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 70

To the Worshipfll. Robt. Lennox Esqr.
Depty. Govr. &ca. Council of Fort Marlborough.

Worshipfull Sir and Sirs

The George imported with us the 23d. of last Month with your general letter of the 22d. June and the several Books and Papers mention'd in your list to all wch. we shall send answers by the return of that ship to you which we propose shall be in Janry., this goes by way of Bengall and is design'd to give you some directions relating to several Matters mention'd in your letter now before us.

In your 3d. Paragraph You tell us that on the dispatch of the Duke of Lorrain for Europe You had acquainted Capt. Crompton the Commander, that his owners were to receive no more than the Low Freight on the Surplus Tonnage, the bare telling him so is not sufficient & may Occasion disputes between the Company and Owners, Our usual method is to let the Capt. Petition for what is laden on board more than his Charterparty Tonnage & to sign to an agreement in behalf of his owners to take no more than the low Freight, for which part also of the Cargo, we take a seperate bill of Lading expressing the same, We send herewith Copy of such an agreement for your Guidance in Future, which must be sign'd by the Capt. & sent Home in the Packett by the same ship togather with his Original Petition or Request: We have consider'd the Reasons you give us for Continuing the settlement at Moco Moco, the Principal whereof are that the Bar is Generally better than at Bentall, [& that there is a] place found on which a Brick Foundation may be laid on [with security] & that it would Give great uneasiness to the present [Sultan] to Remove from thence. When we wrote you on this Subject we had Cheifly in view the erecting of Brick [buildings] which we had been told could not be done at Moco Moco, the necessity whereof we could not but be sensible of from the heavy Charges and Quick decay of all such as have been made of wood of this, that settlement is a remarkable Instance and our Honble. Masters having suffered so much thereby, we could not but in Justice to them

endeavour to prevent it in Future but as that can now be put in Execution at Moco Moco the main point is obtain'd, and there is no other Motive of weight enough to induce us to Change for Bentall wherefore we would have you as soon as Possible lay the new Foundation of your Brick Buildings, and we will supply you with Teak Timbers for the Beams and Rafters, as we are of Opinion it will save a great expence to send you such that the Country Timbers may not be made use of, which always decay in a few Years and we would have the Top Cover'd with Tyles, which we are inform'd are now made with you in very good Perfection or if not can be brought from Batavia for we observe the Terrass work is always Complain'd of, and cannot be well perform'd on your Coast.

In the 33^{d}. & 34th. Paragraph of the Company's Genl. letter ℔ George to your Place we observe they have given you Liberty to lay aside the Sugar and Arrack Plantations if upon duely weighing all Circumstances you shall judge it for their Interest and they direct in that Case the Materials & Utensils should be sold at outcry, we beleive the Stills and Worms will hardly meet with a sale with you at Least not to so much advantage as at this Place and if you are of the same Opinion you will act accordingly.

As M^{r}. W^{m}. Coles is the Eldest factor and has behav'd with deligence and integrity we appoint him last of Council to supply the Vacancy at your board by the Death of M^{r}. Hawkes and we have appointed Lieutenant Amyand to Command your Second Comp^{y}. of soldiers whose Commission Comes in the Packett to be deliver'd him on his arrival, he takes Passage on the Lyell.

M^{r}. Thomas Mawson your late Gunner is arriv'd with us, and having enter'd into the Sea Service here you must appoint some other capable Person to that Employ.

Our Honble Masters having confirm'd M^{r}. Pughs additional allowance you must pay him for the several month's that have been stop'd.

Observing the Country of Anack Soongey to produce a larger Quantity of Pepper than formerly we have laden on the Duke of Dorsett for Bengall in order to be Ship'd on the Lyell twenty Bales of White Long Cloth for the Exchange of Pepper and recommend to you, to take Care the people of that Country are supply'd according to the Terms of their agreement.

That ship will also bring you part of your Indent for which & the Long Cloth you will receive Invoice and bill of Lading from the President and Council of Fort William, what Remains of y^{r}. Indent to be Comply'd with shall be sent you on the George.

You must Levy the same Customs on all Peice Goods Imported by the Europe Commanders, as is done on those Licens'd from this Side.

Inclos'd is a manifest of some Goods for Robert Lennox Esqr. on which he must pay the usual Freight, as must also Capt. Amyand for those manifested on his Account.

We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
AUGST. 31ST. 1737.

WORSH^{LL}. SIR & SIRS
Y^{r}. Affectionate freinds & Serv^{ts}.
RICHARD BENYON [&C^{r}.]

MANIFEST OF GOODS LICENSED TO BE SENT TO BENGALL IN ORDER TO BE SHIPPED ON THE LYELL CAP^{T}. JOHN ACTON FOR BENCOOLEN.

BY M^{R}. MORSE FOR ROBERT LENNOX ESQ^{R}.

Bales.						
5	Long Cloth Blew	20	10	480	—	—
10	Sallampores blue	40	—	900	—	—
1	Cambays and Handkercheifs	7	7	120	—	—
1	Syrashes	13	2	160	—	—
3	Cambays	22	—	450	—	—
5	Salampores white	19	10	300	—	—
1	Tappies	40	6	90	—	—
26	Bales .. .. Carried over ..			2500	—	—

26	Bales brought over				Pag^s. 2500 — —

By Ditto for Capt. Amyand.

1	Syrashes	27 8	100		
	Cambay's	— 12	10		
			——	110	

By M^r. Simpson for Capt. Amyand.

3	Cambays	30 —	500		
1	Succatoons blue	10 —	130		
2	Blue Cloth	15 —	310		
1	Romalls	10 —	200		
6	Long Cloth Ord^ry. White ..	9 —	300		
			——	1440	
14	Bales			——	.. 1550 — —
40	Bales			.. Pagod^s.	4050 — —

Fort S^t. George
31st. Aug^st. 1737.

Jno. Savage
Sec^ry.

List of the Packett to Fort Marlborough ℘ Lyell from Bengall.

N°. 1 General Letter dated 31st. August 1737.
2 Manifest of Goods sent to Bengall to be shipped on the Lyell for Bencoolen.
3 Copy of Cap^n. Langworth's agreement for freight of surplus pepper.
4 Lieutenant Amyands Commission dated 4th. August.
5 List of the Packett.

Fort S^t. George
1st. Septem^r. 1737.

John Savage
Sec^ry.

No. 71

To the Honble John Stackhouse Esqr.
President and Govern^r. &c^a. Council of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Herewith is duplicate of our last of the 12th. Instant & we now inclose Invoice and Bill of Lading for what we have shipped on the Duke of Dorsett.

We have rec^d. here out of the Nottingham a parcell of Copper which Captain Winter tells us belongs to the Company, we have no Inv^e. or any advice of it from them but supposing it was design'd for your Presidency and that you have an Account of it in the Nottinghams Packett which we sent you by the Princess Louisa, we now shipped it on the Duke of Dorset as you will find by the Inclos'd bill of lading, the Cask in which some of it Came out of England was so bad that it would not bear taking out of the Ship So that we have been obliged to make part of it new here and more Iron Hoops for the rest, the Cost [being] Charged in the Invoice.

In our Last Letter from the Company we are directed that what silver we received from them and afterwards send to you uncoin'd we are to Charge it [not other]wise than as it is Invoiced to us in Pounds Sterling and not in Pagodas Debting Account Current London for the same but for such silver as is coined into Rupees we are to Charge you for them according to the Current value in Pagodas as that may happen

to be from time to time, accordingly we have Charged the Rupees by this Ship at 303 ℔ 100 Pag^s^. which is near equal to 14 Dollars ℔ 10 Pagodas the price of Silver here, but that we may keep our Accounts clear and not clash about the Exchange we propose to keep two distinct accounts upon our books one of what we send to your presidency and another of what we receive from it, and if your Hon^r^. &c^a^. shall please to observe the same Method both of us may settle the Exchange upon our books as we find it Convenient.

M^r^. William Fytche who came out as a Writer in the Company's Service and arrived here the 21st. July 1734 Our Hoñble Masters write us they have entertain'd him in the same station at Your Place and therefore he now takes his Passage on this ship, he has been a very diligent and usefull hand in our Office and as we doubt not he will prove the same with You, we recommend him to Your favour.

In this Packett we send you a seperate Invoice and bill of Lading for such Goods as we have Laden on the Duke of Dorset design'd for the West Coast and which we desire you will send thither on the Lyell together with our Packett directed to the Deputy Govern^r^. and Council there.

We have appointed M^r^. Edward Amyand a Lieutenant for the West Coast to supply the Vacancy there. We desire you will give Cap^n^. Acton an order to receive him on board the Lyell with his necessarys and Effects but what Goods or Merchandize he carrys over he must manifest with your Hon^r^. &c^a^. and so should Captain Acton and all others, but no Goods should be permitted to go but what are for Account of those who go on the ship, or who are residing upon the West Coast, the Copy of the Manifest you will please to inclose to the Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort Marlborough.

We must desire your Hon^r^. &c^a^. to send us at least one hundred Tons of Salt Petre over and above what may be Necessary to Kintlage our next Septem^r^. ship having since our Last received other Letters from the Northern Settlements which Gives us reason to apprehend they will fall Considerably short of the Quantity we expected from thence.

We send upon this Ship as much Redwood as the Captain tells us he can stow away, the rest we shall send you by the next Conveyance.

Since writing the above the attorney's of Messrs. Lennox and Amyand have register'd here the Goods sent from hence on their Accounts for the West Coast, as we inclose the manifest in our Packett to the Dep^ty^. Govr. and Council of Fort Marlborough we have Order'd Certificates to be given them thereof to be tendered to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. for your Permission to ship them on the Lyell.

Inclosed is an Account of what has been landed here from this ship.

We are directed from home to reserve a Quantity of silver to return the produce of the Harrison's Cargoe in Case she should Come hither from Limpo, we do not apprehend we shall want any for that Purpose but however we keep here thirty Chests & if the Harrison does not come here in Jan^ry^. it will be ready to send to you then if your Occasions require it concerning which we desire your Hon^r^. &c^a^. will please to be perticular, for as we are uncertain how the state of our Cash may be in that Month, if we should be in want of Money then and you are not we ought to sell this silver here but if you are in want of it we shall very easily find other means to be supplied with what Money we may have Occasion for without any Charge of interest. We are

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
AUGUST 31ST. 1737.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most hum̃. Servants
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKETT TO BENGALL ℘ DUKE OF DORSETT.

N°. 1 General Letter dated 31st. August.
2 Duplicate... ... 12th. D°.
3 Duplicate Indent for packs. stuff &ca.
4 Invoice of Rupees &ct. ℘ Duke of Dorset.
5 Bill of Lading for Ditto.
6 Accot. the weight & Charges on the Nottinghams Copper.
7 Bill of Lading for Ditto.
8 Duke of Dorset's Charterparty.
9 Account of Goods landed here from the Duke of Dorset.
10 Inve. of Goods for the West Coast.
11 Bill of Lading for Ditto.
12 Packett for the West Coast to go ℘ Lyell.
13 List of the packett.

FORT ST. GEORGE
SEPTEMR. 1ST. 1737.

J. SAVAGE
Secretary.

No. 72

TO CAPTAIN THOS. GILBERT
COMMR. OF THE DUKE OF DORSETT.
SIR

On receipt hereof you are to repair on board Your ship and make the best of your way for the River of Bengall, on your arrival you are to deliver the Accompanying Packett as directed to the Presidt. and Council of Fort William whose orders are to direct Yr. future Proceedings.

We wish you a Good Voyage and date this in Fort St. George this first day of Septemr. 1737.

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 73

TO THE HONBLE JOHN STACKHOUSE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. OF FORT WILLIAM &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

The first Instant in the Evening we were favour'd with your severals of the 25th. and 27th. July by the London, the next morning the Duke of Dorset left us, And inclos'd you have Duplicate of what we wrote you by that ship.

As we are in great doubt whether we can be sure of a Conveyance for the Company's Bales from Vizagapat. in December next we desire you will Order one of the Europe ships to call in there for about three or four hundred Bales, the Salt Petre and Packing stuff will not be there Tonnage, but they may put out some of the Packing stuff there if that should have filled them.

We are concerned y^{t}. we should have any Occasion to remind your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. of the orders the Comp^{y}. wrote us they had sent you two years ago, and which they are pleased to tell us were possitive that no English Ships should import at the Moors or other ports on this Coast, but should Land their Cargoes here, your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. cannot but know there have been several Instances within these two years of the Bengall Ships having acted contrary to those orders, and if we have not Troubled you with any Complaints thereof, it was because we knew they had sold their Cargoes for Less than they might have done here, and hop'd that would have been sufficient to check their fondness for Foreign Ports, But that which exceedingly surprizes us, and at present much Concerns us is that a ship Laden with Rice belonging to Bengall W^{m}. West Master is arrived at Pulliacat & where the said Master gives out he was bound by Orders from his Owners and that more are bound there and to other Ports on the Coast, What may be the reason of such Orders your Honour &c^{a}. will very likely better know than we, but at a time when so Considerable a Settlement of the Company's as ours is labouring under the Greatest Difficulties from the Scarcity of Grain and many of our people Dye Dayly for meer want we cannot help thinking it strange and even Cruel, not to say ungratefull that English ships trading under the Companys protection should be Order'd to Contribute to the Releif of a Dutch Settlement and other foreign Ports rather than one of the Companies, we are sure it Could not be from the hopes of a better price for so soon as Cap^{tn}. West landed it was his Bargain that he should be paid the Madrass price for his Cargoe, and as little can we give Credit to the pretence that it being late in the season and a great Number of ships bound here he expected a difficulty in being unloaded. We shall confess to your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. that a want of a sufficient Number of Boats is a misfortune we sometimes Labour under, but that is cheifly from the Middle of March to the Middle of June when our Road is full of Ships and many also are in S^{t}. Thomê Road but at other times we can always have the assistance of the S^{t}. Thomê Boats and as we expectad [*sic*] a great Importation from Bengall this Month we have not only kept all our own Boates in Repair, but the Havildaar of S^{t}. Thomê had at our Request kept all his Boates likewise ready to assist us upon this Occasion, We are misinform'd if there be more than Six boates belonging to Pulliacatt and beleive your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will find the three ships which arrived here at the same time Capt. West did at Pulliacatt have met with a much Quicker dispatch; We doubt not your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will call upon him as well as all others who have not had their Clearance from hence for the Customs they ought to have paid here and as we are very apprehensive the Famine here will not be soon over we desire your Honour &c^{a}. will lay your Injunctions upon all English Vessels bound to the Coast to import here only, we are in Dayly hopes of seeing some further importation from the Bay for at present what is already arrived is so far short of our Consumption that if we have not more it will not easily be Described the misery the People must suffer between this and December.

M^{r}. Augustus Burton one of our Council having had an ill state of Health Lately and hoping the change of Air may be of service to him he has our Consent to go to Calcutta for a few Months and takes his Passage on the Trivitore.

We shall take care to forward your Packets for England
And are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE

SEPTEM^{R}. THE 9TH. 1737.

HONOUR^{BLE}. SIR AND SIRS

Your most hum̃. Servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
AUGUSTUS BURTON.
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 74

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esq[r].
Deputy Gov[r]. &c[a]. Council of Fort S[t]. David.

Worshipfull Sir and Sirs

We have received yours of the 8th. Ins[t]. wherein you desire our Directions whether you may take in the Chemanackpollam and Salem Long Cloth's in greater proportions of the lower Numbers than what hitherto sent up, In answer to which we must referr you to the copy we sent you of the 32[d]. Paragraph of our Hoñble Masters Commands dated the 9[th]. ffebruary w[h]erein they are pleased to approve of their Merch[ts]. being indulged in a Number 4, as it sold in proportion to the other Numbers & but little inferiour to a N[o]. 3 And therefore add they would not have the Merchants labour under discouragements by turning out their Cloth white if they bring in good Fabricks and the Peices be in proportion to the intrinsick Goodness.

When you make up the Prices with your Merchants they must be Charged for the Land Custom and Dustore as usual which we advise you of now that you may as soon as conveniently you can send us the cost of the Cloth you have sent upon your new Contract and we desire you not to omitt to send us what more Cloth you can get ready before the Northerly winds set in, which may now be soon expected.

We would have you send up Ensign Senior hither and we send you inclos'd an Ensigns Commission for Serjeant Karr, the person you recommended to us sometime past.

We are

Fort S[t]. George
13th. Sep[r]. 1737.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs
Your Affec[te]. freinds & Serv[ts].
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
Augustus Burton.
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

P.S.—Inclos'd is bill of Lading for some pack[s]. stuff and Eight Anchors shipped on the Brig[ne]. Mary.

No. 75

To M[r]. Jonathan Smart
Resident at Syrian.

Sir

The foregoing is Duplicate of what we wrote you by the Kent under the 16th. June, we now send you on the Galetea such of the stores judg'd necessary for the West Coast Sloop, as are procureable here, what others may be wanting you will furnish yourself with in the best manner you can as well with some proper European to Navigate her over hither. Inclos'd are Inv[e]. & bill of Lad[s]. for the stores. We are

Sir

Fort S[t]. George
20th. Sep[r]. 1737.

Your Assured Freinds
Richard Benyon &c[a].

No. 76

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worshipfull Sir and Sirs

The Nottingham being near her departure for England the Presid^t. & Council have order'd me to desire you will send them with all Expedition an Account of the cost of the Cloth they have received from you on their new Contract.

I am

Worshipfull Sir and Sirs

Your most humble Servant

J. Savage

Secry.

Fort. S^t. George
24th. Sepr. 1737.

No. 77

To the Worshipfull James Hubbard Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Worshipfull Sir and Sirs

We have received yours of the 19th. Instant in answer to what we wrote you under date 13th. this month, after having Long consider'd and debated the purpo[r]t of it we think proper to reply as follows.

With your letter of the 7th. May you sent us six Musters of Cloth taken out of 128 Peices remains 200 brought in by your Merchants from Chemanackpollam telling us at the same time that but few Peices of the seventy two you had picked out of that Parcell would sort better than a N°. 3 and that the whole Parcel cost about 44 Pagod^s. ℘ Corge, on Looking over this Cloth we found five Peices which we approv'd and Marked N°. 1, 2, 3 and as you say what you had Picked out would not much of it prove better than N°. 3 we think if we allow that Parcel to be of equal Goodness with the five Musters we shall not at all undervalue it and we then suppose the sortment would stand thus

N°. 1 .. .. 33 Peices				
2 67				
3 67				
N°. 1 Ord^ry. .. 33				
— 200 Peices which cost ..		440	—	—
from whence take the Ord^ry. 33 at the Madrass price of 39. 18 ℘ Corge		65	6	24
Remains for 167 p^s.	Pag^s.	374	29	56

which according to the above proportions will bring the whole out at the following rates allowing 1. 9 (P. f.) difference between each N°.

N°. 1 .. .. .. 33 p^s.	.. at 46	13	40	.. 76	18	54
2 67	.. 45	4	40	.. 151	6	6
3 67	.. 43	31	40	.. 146	35	26
				374	24	6

and we then told you that had some faults there enumerated been mended what we Number'd 1, 2, 3 would be equal to the Numbers of Salem Cloth, but as you wrote us back those Faults could not be amended we added in our next that you must look upon these as only N°. 2, 3, 4 so that for a N°. 1 if any such should be found the price would be 47. 22. 40 without Including the Land Cust^m. and Dustore and

with that added to it the N°. 1 Chemanackpoll[m]. will Come up at 48. 25. 20 which $\frac{3}{16}$ in a Corge more than we pay for the N°. 1 Salem, this we say on a suspicion the Cloth continued equal to the first Parcel but as you write us it Grows Considerably worse it will still come out Dearer so that we think we ought not to submit to receive any Cloth at Chemanackpollam which is worse than what we formerly permitted you to receive as such but if your Merchants will Consent to your receiving what is turned out from that as Ord[ry]. we have no objection thereto; and as there is something more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ Pagodas difference between the N°. 1 Ordinary and the last Number of Chemanackpollam as we have estimated them, you may make a sortment between those two Calling it Ordinary N°. 1 B[s]. and this we think you might have understood to be our meaning when we referr'd you to the Paragraph of the Company's Letter concerning endulging the Merchants in a N°. 4, there words are these, "We would by no means labour under discouragements by turning out "their Cloth while they bring in good fabricks but on the Contrary by taking it in at "PROPORTIONABLE PRICES according to the INTRINSICK GOODNESS, we are perswaded the "Investment will be augmented thereby". Now althô this Direction was given in answer to our excuses for having sent home a N°. 4 yet it holds perfectly with regard to all Fabricks and we suppose if your Merchants brought in ordinary cloth calling it fine you would reject it as the one though you might think it proper to receive it as the other, and so with Regard to this Cloth Your Merchants produc'd a parcell of Cloth for which they asked 44 Pagodas and You consent to give 44, for that parcell and all they bring in like it, if afterwards they will bring in what is not worth 35 we apprehend the Company's instructions reach so far as to tell you, You may take in the Cloth at 35 which is it's reall value thô not at the rate your Merchants would impose it. We have spoke only of the Chemanackpollam Cloth, our sentiments are the same with regard to your other sortments.

Thus much in Answer to the Directions you desir'd from us, as to the Arguments used by your Merchants mentioned in this and your last letter we answer, that we are informed the French are as Carefull to sort by their Musters as we are and if they take in the Cloth we turn out it is in pursuance of Directions of the same kind with the Paragraphs we refer'd you to Viz[t]. to take in Cloth of any Denomination fit for Europe at proportionable prices, wo do not deny but they may, and we are Assured they do give more in proportion for some sorts than we do and that they also make a Greater Number of Sortments. The latter of these is provided for by the Aforesaid Paragraph of the Company's Letter, and to the former we say if we Can get Cloth enough at our prices we make a better bargain for our Hon̄ble Masters than the french agents do for theirs and it is well worth all the Trouble we are at in doing it if we can prove successfull.

As to the price of Cotton thread which your Merchants tell us is so much enhanced within these two Month's, our Merch[ts]. make no Complaints thereof nor have they desir'd any advance on that Account yet they bring in Cloth as fast as usual and we must therefore suspect your Merchants accounts of the extravagant rice of that Commodity, The rain's that have fallen lately will make the Carriage easier and must Influence the price of what little Grain remain'd in store since it promises a better season than the Last so that we are in hopes the difficulties they talk of are only designed to Give themselves a figure and to perswade you they are more diligent then usual.

We take it you will look upon what abovesaid to be an explicit and full answer to your Questian [*sic*] whether you are to submitt to the badness of the times and take in Cloth in the best manner you can get it, if by this you mean whether you are to take in any sort of Cloth proper for Europe at a proportionable price regard being had to the Goodness and price of the musters and parcels produc'd to you when you first came to an agreement with your Merch[ts]. we answer yes but if your meaning is to ask whether you shall take in whatever y[r]. Merchants bring your allowing their prices for it we Can never consent thereto.

Your caution to your Merch[ts]. upon Occasion of the Portuguese ships arrival at Porto Novo was not improper and for the rest of your last Letter as well as such

other parts of your former Letters which have not already been answer'd we shall give you our Sentiments after the Dispatch of the Nottingham.

We are

Fort St. George
September 24th. 1737.

Worshipfull Sir and Sirs
Your Affectionate Freinds and Servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
[*Lacuna.*]
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 78

To Mr. John Graham
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

This by Order of the President & Council covers Invoice and bill of Lading for Packing Stuff consign'd to Mr. Goddard at Maddepollam on the Nilly Pilly Brigantine and which they would have you forward to him if practicable at a no unreasonable expence.

I am

Sir

Fort St. George
Septemr. 26th. 1737.

Your very Humble Servt.
J. Savage
Secretary.

No. 79

To the Worshll. Robt. Lennox Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort Marlborough.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

The inclosed is Copy of what we sent to Bengall to be forwarded to you by the Lyell to which as this Ship Jane is bound on a trading Voyage to your Coast and may not probably be with you before the George, we shall add nothing here either on the subject of your letter by the George or of that since received by this Ship under date the 7th. August last.

We have again at the Request of her owners granted them a liberty in case of her Touching at your port to offer to the Company's servants such part of her Cargoe as they may be inclin'd to purchase in which case you are to act agreable to the Directions we sent you the 12th. February Last.

We are

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
8th. Octr. 1737.

Yr. Affte. Freinds and Servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
[*Lacuna.*]
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 80

To John Lambson Esqr.
Cheif &c^{a}. Council at Suratt.

Sirs

The 30th. past we received yours of the 20th. August Inclosing two bills of Exchange on Tervarree's House one for 20,000 Pagodas and the other for 28636¼ Arcot Rupees payable at 24 Day's after sight the bills were accepted the night they arrived and as the Shroffs have been so quick in conveying them to us we doubt they will be ready to pay them when due, the Duplicate of your letter with the 2^{d}. Bills We received two Days Past.

We are
Fort S^{t}. George
Octr. 17th. 1737.

Sirs
Your most Humble servants
Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
[*Lacuna*].
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

P.S. to the Duplicate Octr. 28.

The Bills of Exchange were duely paid the 24th. Inst^{t}.

R.B.
[*Lacuna*]
N.M.
W.M.G.T.

No. 81

To the Honble John Horne Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^{t}. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The 30th. past we were favour'd with yours of the 4th. August the 21st. of which month the Expedition arrived here from Mocha and Captain Sheppeard having tender'd to us Messrs. Waters & Grendon their Bond for forty thousand Dollars Mocha w^{t}. making 35460 oz. Mexico we paid the same next day but as the silver we had in our Warehouse was design'd for another purpose we replac'd the same some day's after by a Purchase of the like Quantity from Pondicherry and have debted your Presidency for the Cost being Pagodas 28704. 4—.

With the letter from your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. we received another from the Cheif & Council at Suratt dated the 20th. Augst. Inclosing bills of Exchange on Terwarrees house for twenty thousand Pagodas and twenty Eight thousand six hundred & thirty six & a Quarter Arcot Rupees payable 24 day's after sight, the bills were accepted that night and we doubt not will be paid when due, we shall give your Presidency credit for the Arcot Rupees at 309 ₱ 100 Pagodas which with the 20000 Pag^{s}. will amount to Pag^{s}. 29267. fan^{s}. 14. Cash. 17.

We hope the Coffee provided by Mr. Water's arrived with you according to your expectations and wishing you success in our Honourble. Masters Affairs we remain

FORT ST. GEORGE
OCTOR. 17TH. 1737.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Hum. Servants
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
[Lacuna.]
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

P.S. to the Duplicate Octr. 28.
The Bills of Exchange were duely paid the 24th. Instt.

R.B.
[*Lacuna*].
N.M.
W.M.
G.T.

No. 82

TO THE WORSHLL. JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHIPFULL SIR AND SIRS

Since our last of the 24th. Sepr. we have received three of yours of the 27th. Sepr. and one of the 4th. Instant two of the first incloseing the prices of the Cloth recd. from your new Merchants with Invoice of 82 Bales received by the Mary Brigantine, upon comparing the Cloth with the prices we Observed that the Salem Cloth was very good, we think much better than the Chemanackpollam thô this last is Invoic'd dearer and therefore we recommend it to you as a very acceptable service to our Honble Masters that you Increase the Investment at Salem as much as possible and if need be you may give some further encouragement to your Merchants for that purpose, as to the Chemanackpollam Cloth we have already said that thô it is dearer it is not near so good as the Salem Cloth & therefore without you have reason to apprehend you shall be disappointed of a quantity of Cloth from Salem we are not willing to give any further encouragement to the Chemanackpollam Cloth but are rather inclined to give an advanc'd price for that Cloth which is good than run into a bad Manufacture, which we have had many occasions to observe has been attended with very ill effects & that sooner or later we are Obliged to give as much for that Cloth which is bad as we did before for that which was Good. However as you explain yourselves in yr. Last letter we would not that you should be so very exact, but that you may take in some peices in a Parcell though worse than the Muster Marked No. 3 & not very bad, rather than that there should be an entire stop to the Country peoples bringing in Cloth, and now that we understand you more Clearly, we think the Question was not of that Consequence that so much time should have been Lost in debateing it, in matters where the Difference can be but small, and any delay's for want of Orders from hence may be of Ill Consequence, we shall very easily approve of what you think fitt to do upon good reasons not doubting in matters of Greater Concernment you will give us timely notice, but one thing we must particularly recommend to you & that is a Greater exactness in the sorting for thô you buy it of the Merchants one wth. another, it ought not to be sorted so, the Bales sorted by

Edwd. Harris are remarkable faulty for this Respect many peices being sorted to N°. 1 that are no better than N°. 2 and perhaps as many Peices of the N°. 1 are mixed with the N°. 2, this Great carelessness in sorting has been the principal cause of all the complaints from hence & thô it has been understood the resorting here would greatly effect the Merch^{ts}. yet the Inclosed acco^{ts}. will Convince you their was little occasion for their being under those terrible apprehensions that it would be attended with their Ruin. M^{r}. Allen's sorting appears to us to be with the most Judgem^{t}. or he has taken most care & if M^{r}. Harris will not mend his hand, we shall supply his place with somebody else.

You may indulge your Merch^{ts}. with the like liberty as last Year of exporting their turn'd out Cloth at 2½ ℔ C^{t}. Custom.

We have received your Paymaster & Gunners Report and Estimate of the Cost of Build^{g}. a new Powder magazine which we shall Transmitt to England in Jan^{ry}. for the Comp^{ys}. Orders ab^{t}. it for thô we are permitted to set about all necessary Repairs, yet with Respect to any New Buildings we find our Power is limitted & that in such Cases we must always send home a plan of the designed Building with an Estimate of the Charge and wait the Comp^{ys}. Orders before we sett about it, we are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE — WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS

OCTO^{R}. 19TH. 1737. — Your Affectionate freinds and Servants

RICHARD BENYON &C^{A}.
AS BEFORE

N°. 83.

TO JOHN SANDERSON ESQ^{R}.
CHEIF AT VIZAGAPATAM.

SIR

Since our last we have received your Severals of the 4th. 7th. & 31st. of August & 6th. Sepr. from what you wrote us in the first that the Cloth came in pretty fast and answer'd better than formerly we hoped we should have had reason to be pleased with your Investment this year but we are Sorry to acquaint you that the Cloth by the Enterprize is not only the dearest but some of the worst we have ever seen from your settlement, as to the price we observe it is Charged 16 Mad^{s}. Pag^{s}. & a quarter ℔ Corge to which if you add 27 fan^{s}. ℔ Corge Freight and 6 ℔ C^{t}. Batty amounts to full 18 Pag^{s}. ℔ Corge one with another but as little of it sorts to any thing better than N°. 3 it makes that Number in particular come out extravagantly dear, in our Letter 14th. March 1734/5 you were told that we could not any more take your Cloth one with another but should thereafter prize it by Numbers. In our letter of the 10th. Novr. 1735 we took notice to you that notwithstand^{g}. our former Order you had still Invoiced the Cloth at the same Price one with another and we told you w^{t}. would be the Consequence, however we submitted to it then in Consideration of the other difficulties you had to strugle with at that time, but when you were up here and we gave you liberty to advance the prices, you gave us reason to beleive we should have no more reason to repeat our former Orders but notwithstanding the Price is encreased, we still find it invoic'd one with another and the Consequence is plain by the Great Quantity that is sorted to N°. 3. This Evil we have found Grow^{g}. upon your Investm^{t}. more & more every Year & therefore we say once more that for the future we will have all your Cloth taken in & prized only accord^{g}. to the Numb^{rs}. This is the Method at Ingeram where the Salampores are invoiced full Measure N°. 1, Ps. 15. 18. (N°. 2, Ps. 15 & N°. 3, Ps. 14½.) The O Chop N°. 1 @ 15, N°. 2 @ 14½ & N°. 3 @ 14 ℔ Corge, the Cloth is also better than y^{rs}. and we must know from you why Salampores cannot be got as Good and as Cheap at Vizagapatam.

The Continual Rains we have had for some time past have prevented our washing and sorting all your Cloth but for so much as we Could sort in two days it turn'd out as follows.

	Peic^{s}.	Bales.	Ps.
N°. 2 ...	640	8	
3 ...	1520	19	
	2160	27	
Turn'd out ...	1101	13	61
	3261	40	61

Now as so large a proportion of your Goods are like to be turn'd out for we suppose what more we may Expect in Decr. will not be better we think it necessary that you should come up wth. your Bales at Xmas, & as to a Conveyance for you & them as it was uncertain whether the Vessels which arriv'd in Sepr. would save their Passage back again we desir'd the Gentlemen in Bengall to send one of the Europe Ships to Call in at Vizagapatam to take in Y^{r}. Bales least the George should be wanted at Ingeram or Maddapollam and you must provide a Conveyance for the Ingeram Cloth in the first place as we Expect most of it will be ready cured and therefore of most use to us, but if they are already secure of Vessells to bring up their Cloth both from Ingeram & Maddapollam without sending the George to either place then you may load your bales upon her and order the Europe ship to proceed directly hither without detaining her to take any thing out of her but what pack^{g}. stuff or other stores you may want for the next Year.

We expect M^{r}. Harrison will be with you from Bengall on the Europe ship and though he has desird to Come on hither yet as we have already said it is necessary we should see you up here with your Bales, M^{r}. Harrison must be contented to stay at Vizagapatam till we Can send another Person to reside as second of the place in his stead which we shall do with the first Southerly wind that sets in in January, If M^{r}. Harrison should not come away we would have you leive the care of the Factory with Cap^{n}. Crompton and M^{r}. Denny.

Most of the Cloth which you sent on the Enterprize ready cur'd had the worse appearance by its being folded & beat before the Conjee was dry in it, and therefore you must give directions to the Washers & Beaters to be more Carefull in that Work.

Upon the intimation we had from you here that Arcot Rupees would pass as Curr^{t}. at Vizagapat^{m}. as Madrass Rupees we sent a parcel of the first to you on the Margery but we have not yet been advis'd whether your Merch^{ts}. receive them both alike, do not omitt to let us know whether they have any Objections to them that we may supply your settlement for the next year with that sort that will be most for the Company's Interest.

We are

Fort S^{t}. George

Octo^{r}. 22^{d}. 1737.

Sir

Your Affectionate Freinds

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
[*Lacuna*].
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 84

To Mr. John Graham
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

We have received your severals of the 2d. July, 6th. & 29th. August and 8th. Sepr. the last accompanying 300 Bales of Callicoes by the Nilly Pilly Brigantine; as they arriv'd here at a time when our hands were fully employed in sorting our own Cloth and we were in want of Bales to Compleat the Loads. of the Nottingham we sent the most of your Cloth upon that Ship without resorting of it here; And as to that which come up brown and also that which was only White wash'd the Continual rains we have had here for some time past has prevented our looking into much of it but for the little we have seen we observe a great fault in many of the peices the first folds of wch. appear to be tollerable Good Cloth but towards the middle is much worse and the end is very bad, All that we find so in what we have by us will be turned out here and therefore you will do well to look better into the Cloth before you embale it at Ingeram.

We hope the Nilly Pillee Brigantine saved her passage back to you, but if otherwise we have directed Mr. Sanderson to send the Company's ship George to you from Vizagapatam and you must not keep her Longer than the 20th. Decr. at farthest,

We are

Sir
Your Assured Freinds
Richard Benyon &ca.

Fort St. George
Octr. 22d. 1737.

No. 85

To Mr. Joseph Goddard
Resident at Maddapollam.

Sir

We have received both yours of the 7th. Augst. and 3d. Sepr. we sent you some packing stuff by the Nelly Pillee Brigne. but if it should not arrive with you in time you must pack your Cloth in the best manner you can and matts will do vēry well for the Brown Cloth.

We have reason to think that Mr. Sanderson will supply you with a Conveyance to send up yr. Bales, but if you hear nothing of his sending any Vessell to you, In that Case we must run the Risque of having it brot. us upon some of the Country Vessells which we would have dispatch'd to us between the 20th. Decr. and 10th. Janry. not sooner for fear of blowing weather, nor later least they should meet with southerly winds.

We do not at this time think fitt to order the Maddapollam Washers from Ingeram where they are settled now and at present are fully employ'd, we hope you have been able to get other hands and that some of your Cloth will come to us ready cured.

As you represent a Godown to be necessary by the Washers Tank and that the new Factory Godown will supply you with Materials sufficient to build it you have our permission to sett about it.

By These Peons we send you 5000 Mads. Pags. which is as much as we Care to venture so far overland at this time of the year, before Janry. is out you may have a further supply by Sea & We shall at the same time send you the Beam Scales and weights you writes for.

You may send your Accots. monthly to this Place and make Account Currt. Fort St. George the head in your books instead of Vizagapatam, Two Copy's of your books must be sent hither the one to go to England the other to remain here.

So soon as these Peons have deliver'd the money send on those which belong to Ingeram and Vizagapatam and return the Madrass Peons to us.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE — SIR

OCTR. 22D. 1737.

Your Assured Freinds
RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
[*Lacuna.*]
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLM. MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

P.S.

For this remittance you must Credit Account Current Fort ST. George as follows.

Madrass Pags.	5000	Currt. Pags.	fas.	Cas.
Batty @ 6 ℘ Cent	300			
		5300	—	—

Advanced the peons Vizt.

To 10 Northern Peons	15 Rups.					
5 Madrass Peons	10					
	25 @					
315 pr. 100 pags. is	7	33	55			
To the Mads. Peons each 27 fas.	3	27	—			
				11	24	55
Currt. Pags. ..				5311	24	55

No. 86

TO THE WORSHLL. JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

I am Order'd to advise that the President and Council will send 20000 Pags. tomorrow by Peons.

I am

FORT ST. GEORGE — WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

4TH. NOVEMR. 1737.

Your most humble Servant
JOHN SAVAGE
Secry.

No. 87

TO THE WORSHLL. JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPUTY. GOVERNR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

Agreable to the advise I gave you Yesterday by Order of the President and Council this Accompanies 20000 Pags. which they now send you under charge of 31 Peons.

I am

FORT ST. GEORGE — WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

FIFTH NOVR. 1737.

Your most Hum̃. Servant
JOHN SAVAGE
Secry.

No. 88

To John Sanderson Esqr.
Cheif at Vizagapatam.

Sir

We have received both yours of the 14th. and 24th. of October with your Genl. Books & other Accounts and Papers mentioned in your Letter.

We read with Concern the Account you gave us of the hard weather which you were advised had been to the Northward, thô we have had many reasons to be convinced, it has been attended with very melancholy Effects yet we are willing to flatter our Selves they are not altogether so bad as what your Last Letter mentions.

We are

Fort S[t]. George

25th. Novr. 1737.

Sir

Your Affectionate Freinds

Richard Benyon.
Randall Fowke.
[*Lacuna*].
Nicholas Morse.
Francis Rous.
William Monson.
George Torriano.

No. 89

To M[r]. John Graham
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

We have received yours of the 29th. Oct[r]. advising of the Arrival of the Nilly Pilly Brig[ne]. you must not fail to dispatch her hither again between the 20th, and 25th. Dec[r]. with what Cloth you have ready. We are

Fort S[t]. George

Nov[r]. 25th. 1737.

Sir

Your Affectionate Freinds

Richard Benyon
&c[a]. as above.

N[o]. 90

To the Worsh[ll]. James Hubbard Esq[r].
Dept[y]. Gov[r]. &c[a]. Council of Fort S[t]. David.

Worsh[ll]. Sir and Sirs

We have rec[d]. your severals of the 1st. & 19th. Inst[t]. The last giving an acco[t]. of the damage done to several of your build[gs], and inclosing an Estimate of repairing them, we recommend to you upon this occasion as well as all others that may happen in future to take care that the materials are good of their sorts, having had many opportunity's of observing here that when those are bad the work wants to be new done in 2 or 3 Years, For your further direction & observation when you set about any repairs we send you inclosed part of the 53[d]. Paragraph of our Hoñble Masters Letter of the 9th. Feb[ry]. last.

You may permit Lieutenant Holland to come up hither according to his Request.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE

NOVEMR. 25TH. 1737.

WORSHLL. SIR AND SIRS

Your Affectionate Freinds and Servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
[*Lacuna.*]
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WM. MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

No. 91

TO THE WORSHLL. JAMES HUBBARD ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS

The Fatal loss of many of our Honble. Mastrs. ships in Bengall will prevent our having any Ship from thence this season; We shall therefore have only the Royal Guardian to fill up here and Consequently shall send no ship to fill up with you, we would therefore have you send hither as you have opportunity all the Cloth you have ready cured as we design to dispatch the Royal Guardian as soon as possibly we can after she arrives that we Expect will be in a few day's.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE

DECEMBER 26TH. 1737.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

Your Affectionate Freinds and Servants

RICHARD BENYON.
RANDALL FOWKE.
[*Lacuna.*]
NICHOLAS MORSE.
FRANCIS ROUS.
WILLIAM MONSON.
GEORGE TORRIANO.

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